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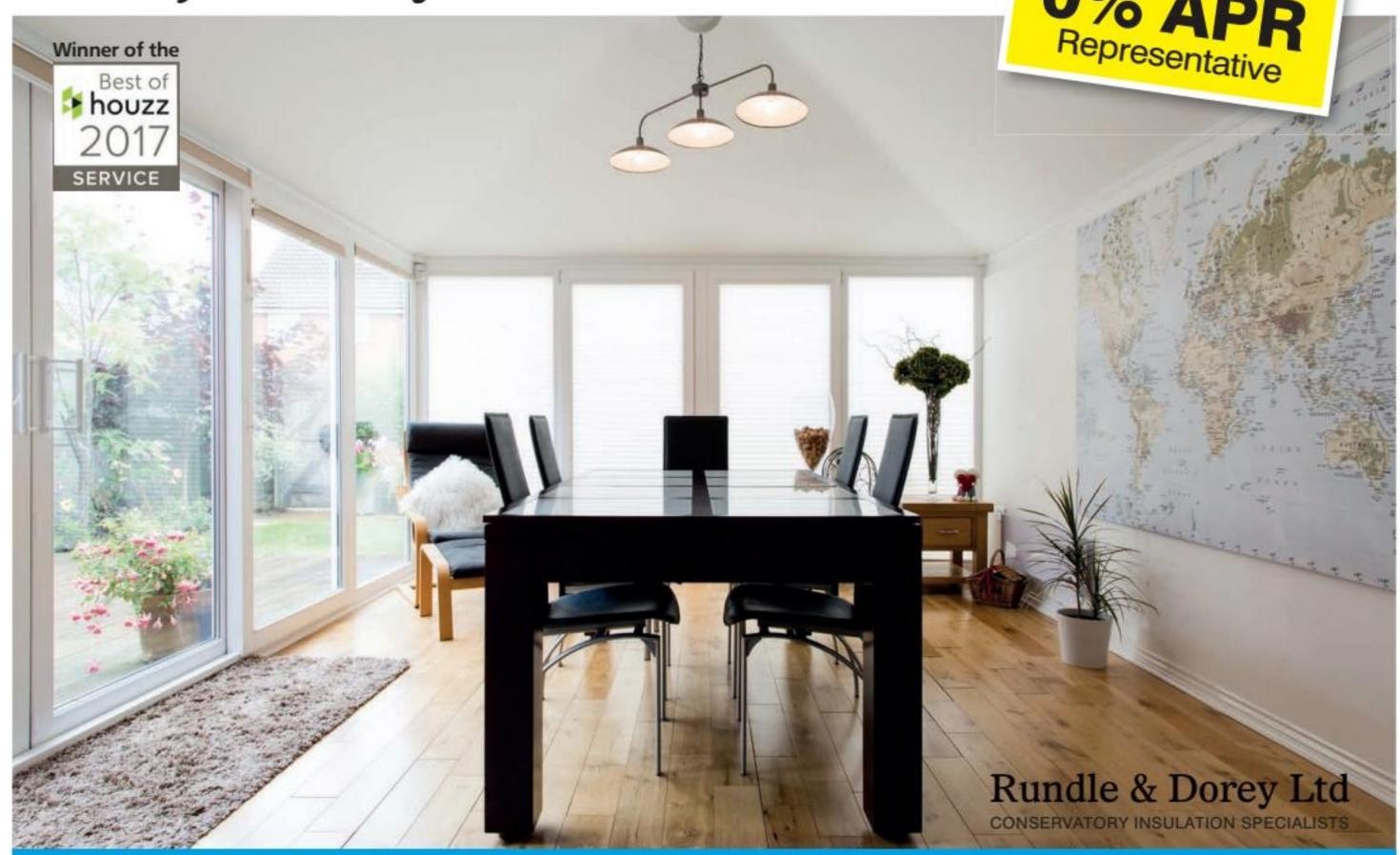
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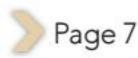
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Bus service offers a vital route to vulnerable users

Expansion plan for rural link: transport running more days

By Eva Astreinidou

ELDERLY and vulnerable people living on the outskirts of Wantage will now be able to travel more easily thanks to a new bus service.

The Comet Bus runs through Stockham, Ham Road, Denchworth Road, Mably Way, Charlton and Larkhill, taking passengers to and from the Health Centre and the Market Place.

It operates every Wednesday and picks up passengers in areas where bus services have been lost after 'difficult decisions' made by the county council involved cutting subsidies to services.

The scheme is being funded by Wantage Town Council, but it is hoped that it will be self financing in the long-term.

Wantage mayor Steve Trinder said: "The Comet Bus will give an option for people living on the outskirts of Wantage to travel into town now that the bus service we had enjoyed for years has been terminated."

He added: "We intend to expand the service when people become accustomed to it."

To book seats on the buses, transport users have to register

through the Wantage Independent Transport System, and purchase a ticket for £5 for four rides.

Bus users are advised to book before using the service as the buses only have 16 seats.

County councillor for Wantage and Grove Jenny Hannaby said: "[This is an] excellent use of county vehicles that would be standing idle [otherwise].

"Hopefully people will sign up and use the service regularly to secure the service and possible expansion to more days a week.

"It's a great service and I hope it will continue and help the elderly get out and about."

Wantage town councillor Ben Mabbett echoed the sentiment, saying: "It is absolutely fantastic to have this pilot project up and running, providing a much-needed bus service for the elderly and vulnerable people of Wantage.

"Thank you goes to the Independent Advice Centre who are running the project on behalf of the town council. I hope this pilot project is a success and I look forward to seeing how we can make it a permanent service."

Anyone wishing to use the service should call the WIAC on 01235 765348.



From left, students Daniel Gregory, Thomas Koh, Ellis Hardy, Bethany Ryan, Bailey Douglas and Muhibur Rahman with college tutor Jill Coppock

BUSINESS savvy students were recognised with awards after an exciting Dragons' Den-style event last week.

Students from Abingdon & Witney college's business,

accounting and travel courses spent the day brainstorming ideas with local industry experts at the Abingdon campus.

The annual 'Venture Vortex' event featured 20 teams who

battled it out for first place. Team Knowledge won with their safe storage business idea to prevent hand luggage moving about in cabin compartments

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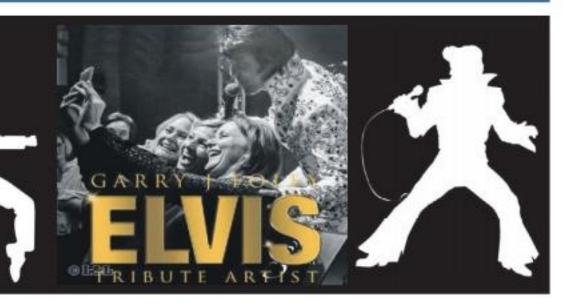
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Former student jailed for sex assault at club

Woman attacked in drink-fuelled incident at O2 Academy

By George Welch

A FORMER Oxford Brookes student who sexually assaulted a woman on a boozy night out in the city has been jailed for 13 months.

Fred Edwards was unanimously convicted last week of sexually assaulting the woman in her 20s on a dance floor at the O2 Academy in Cowley Road.

The former planning and property student will also be placed on the sex offenders' register for 10 years.

Edwards, 21 of Cowley Road, east Oxford, is already serving a year-long sentence after being convicted last month for punching a Spanish student so hard he fractured his jaw, also while on a night out in December last year.

CCTV footage showed Edwards, who was out with fellow university rugby club members, and the woman dancing together at the club's weekly 'Fishy Fingers' sports night.



Fred Edwards has been jailed for the attack at the O2 Academy

At around 1.30am on November 3 last year the pair shared a kiss and he lifted her up before putting his hand under her leotard.

Distressed, the woman fled to the toilets before reporting the incident to a security guard and leaving with a friend.

Edwards, who was later identified by police, claimed he didn't remember the event but denied assaulting the woman.

He was convicted of sexual assault after a five-day trial at Oxford Crown Court and was sentenced on Friday.

He will serve the sentence consecutively to his current one-year sentence for GBH, totalling 25 months behind bars.

Investigation officer Det Con James Macaro, from Force CID based at Oxford, said: "The sentencing of Edwards reflects the serious nature of the offences which amounted to an extremely distressing ordeal for the victim. I would like to commend her for her bravery in coming forward.

"Thames Valley Police takes all reports of sexual assaults extremely seriously and we would encourage you to report any offences.

"We have specially trained officers who will listen to you and deal with you sensitively."

Mental health provision affects abused children

ALMOST 19,000 children in Oxfordshire have suffered neglect or abuse due to a 'postcode lottery' in mental health services.

Research released earlier this week by children's charity NSPCC reviewed the strategies of local health bodies and revealed most are 'failing to plan' for adequate services that could support affected children.

The report also showed that an estimated 1.2 million children across England have been victim to abuse or neglect and are being 'let down' by this postcode lottery.

The report classed local authorities under green, amber or red to signify the lack of strategies to support mental health services for children who have experienced trauma, placing Oxfordshire in the amber category.

NSPCC trustee and clinical psychologist Professor Tanya Byron said many Clinical Commissioning Groups are setting themselves up to fail children who have already been abused.

She said: "It is unacceptable that despite the huge number of children estimated to have been abused, and the known link between abuse and mental health problems, the vast majority of our health services do not have a proper strategy for how to take care of these children.

"CCGs need to urgently review and improve their plans so that they are fully prepared to help children when they need it most.

"And Government needs to hold CCGs to account to publish high quality plans in a timely fashion every year."

Youths sought after 'article' thrown from carpark roof

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after youths threw 'an article' from the top of a multi-storey carpark.

Officers said at about 11.50am on Saturday, September 16, a group of around four or five youths threw an article from the top of Sainsbury's car park, onto Pioneer Square in front of Wildwood restaurant and Sports Direct.

The youths were aged between 12 and 14 years old.

PC Zoe Shuttleworth said: "Members of the public were walking in Pioneer Square at the time of the incident and near to where the article landed. This incident could have potentially seriously injured someone - it is lucky no one was hurt.

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Like ducks to water – free swimming lessons on offer

A SWIM school is offering free lessons after new research revealed that almost a third of all Oxfordshire children are leaving primary schools without basic water safety skills and unable to swim.

These young swimmers may have smiles on their faces but the owner of their swim school is 'alarmed' by the recent Swim England study.

Research by the national governing body for swimming found that, since 2012, only half of children aged between seven and 11 have met the required swimming standard.

equired swimming standard. The investigation also discovered that a third (31 per cent) of all pupils leaving primary school do so without being able to swim and without basic water safety skills.

Puddle Ducks owner Beccy Stenson said she was "really surprised" by the findings.

She said: "We believe that every child should have the opportunity to learn to swim, so we're inviting primary schoolaged children to our local pools across Oxfordshire to enjoy a free swim academy lesson."

Puddle Ducks provide classes in Witney, Standlake, Abingdon and Sandford. For information call 01666 577377.

Meet your new neighbours – one billion mosquitoes

THEY make you itch and carry potentially deadly diseases – but plans have been unveiled to produce one billion mosquito eggs a week in Didcot.

American biotech firm Intrexon will lead pioneering research to combat viruses spread by mosquitoes by breeding the insects at Milton Park.

The major £7.3m investment will involve the construction of the world's largest mosquito egg-producing facility, creating 75 jobs in the process.

Intrexon, which has its UK headquarters at subsidiary business Oxitec at Milton Park, wants to defeat the dangerous Aedes aegypti mosquito, which is known to carry Zika, chikungunya and yellow fever.

This, in theory, can be done by breeding non-biting male mosquitoes designed to reduce the populations of dangerous mosquitoes.

The eggs will then be shipped across the world where they will be released back into the wild, gradually taking over from their more dangerous family members.

Oxitec CEO Mark Carnegie-Brown said the technology represented a "paradigm change".

"This factory will better position us to help countries in need of superior solutions in the fight against this invasive mosquito," he said.

Intrexon chairman and CEO Randal Kirk added: "Oxitec's solution will revolutionise how societies confront public health challenges posed by invasive mosquitoes that transmit devastating diseases."

Numerous doors lie between the interior and exterior of the facility so the insects cannot escape.

Help make Elliot's kart dream to go to Le Mans

By Eva Astreinidou

A COUPLE from Didcot are hoping to raise £2,500 to help their son's dream of becoming world go-karting champion become a reality.

Julie and Andrew Harvey are aiming to have the funds by October 6, when the IAME World Final kicks off at Le Mans, France.

Sixteen-year-old Elliot, who is currently in Year 12 at Oxfordshire UTC is seeded fourth in the UK this year and has qualified for the finals for the fourth year running.

The motorsport enthusiast has not been able to compete in the world finals for the last three years, but his parents are hoping that will change this time.

Mrs Harvey said being able to compete with the world's best would be a 'dream come true'.

She said: "He has competed with some of the best in the UK already, but this would take his experience to the next level. He is a very determined young man."

Elliot has also pitched in with the fundraising, often picking up shifts at the tracks of the Northamptonshire-based Dan Holland racing team – all of which he is doing alongside his school work.

He has also trained as a mechanic and is hoping to become a fully-fledged engineer.

Speaking fondly of her son and praising his hard work, Mrs Harvey



said: "From the age of eight he told us he wanted to race. He is completely self-taught although I suppose you could say YouTube has been his Elliot Harvey in action – the teenager is hoping to get to Le Mans for the world final

"He just watches videos of people and picks it up that way. Whenever he hears the names of top racers, he will look them up and watch videos over and over again."

She added: "He was really upset that he has not been able to go to the finals before, but he understands that money does not grow on trees. One way or another we are going to make it happen for him."

To donate, visit www.gofundme. com/4fx7otc.

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Arson suspected

POLICE believe a fire in Abingdon could have been started intentionally.



Officers were called to reports of a fire at the Acacia charity shop in Market Street on Monday shortly before 4am.

It is thought the fire could have started as a result of arson and police are now appealing for witnesses to come forward.

Investigating officer Sergeant Leon Astley, said: "Thankfully, no one has been injured as a result of this incident, but the consequences could have been extremely serious."

Call 101 if you have any information.

Literary festival

A FESTIVAL showcasing the best of home-grown literary talent is returning to Wantage.

The Betjeman Literary Festival will run from October 21 to 28 and will host 36 events.

The schedule includes a workshop by local illustrator Korky Paul as well as Oxford's award-winning writer Lucy Atkins.

Horse racing legend Dick Francis' son Felix is hosting a ball on October 21, where he will be discussing his latest horse racing crime novel and reminiscing about his father's life.

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Children take centre stage in a Christmas cracker



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COMMUNITIES in the Vale are being urged to act fast if they want a slice of a £175,000 council grant for new equipment or to help spruce up tired facilities.

The Vale of White Horse District Council has set aside the cash to help improve community facilities, such as ageing play areas, insufficiently heated village halls or atrocious allotments. The district council has funded more than 100 projects over the last five years, from replacing furniture to art-inspired walking trails.

For more information or to apply

for a grant, visit www.whitehorsedc. gov.uk/grants or contact grants@ southandvale.gov.uk or 01235 422405.

Applications must be received by 4pm on October 15.

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Join town art crawl

FORGET a traditional pub crawl, the Thame Art and Literature Festival will host its first ever Art Crawl.

Taking place from Wednesday, October 10, to Saturday, October 14, the crawl gives visitors the chance to stroll around Thame between events and explore the different venues celebrating art in the town centre.

It includes galleries, artists and makers' shops, pop-up art exhibitions at nine different venues, live art activities where you can watch an artist at work and even get involved.

For more information view thametowncouncil.gov.uk/thameart-crawl

Comment on gym

TIME is running out for people to have their say on plans for a £19m leisure centre for the Wantage and Grove area.

More than 400 people have commented on the proposals so far but the consultation will close on Wednesday.

Visit tinyurl.com/y7fh3xjz to view the plans and have your say.

Alternatively, the leisure project team can be contacted on 01235 422240.

>> Got a story? Contact the newsdesk on 01235 516919

Fly-tipper's £5k fine for multiple dumps

By George Welch

A FLY tipper has been fined £5,300 after he was caught several times on camera on a tipping spree in south Oxfordshire.

Prolific dumper Sam Smith, of Goring Lane, Reading, had dropped full tipper loads of building and construction waste in Dunsden Green, Shiplake and Mapledurham.

Oxford Magistrates' Court heard how a builder confirmed he had paid Smith to remove the waste that was dumped between March 1 and 15 last year.

A fourth fly-tip of construction waste took place four months later, this time at Valley Farm in Bix.

Smith's vehicle was spotted dumping waste on Church Road in Dunsden Green and in Shiplake before being seen again in Woodley and Henley.

A flyer was also found at the scene in Bix for Diamond Garden Services, the company name Smith was trading under.

The 34-year-old admitted two charges of illegally dumping waste and two charges of failing to prevent waste escaping into the surrounding environment as well as transporting waste without a license.



The waste dumped by Sam Smith in Dunsden Green last year

He was sentenced on September 12 to pay a total cost of £5,351.27.

In a separate case, also on September 12 at Oxford Magistrates' Court, Waldemar Oryszczak, 48, of Kingsley Close, Reading, pleaded guilty to flytipping construction rubbish at an area known as Drawback Hill in Harpsden in March 2016. He was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay £1,050 costs.

Councillor Tony Harbour, cabinet member for environmental health at South Oxfordshire District Council, said: "Both cases involved people transporting waste into south Oxfordshire and then deliberately dumping it in a rural area.

"This is a real malicious and selfish act which blights the landscape, costs thousands of pounds to clean up and investigate, and is potentially dangerous to any individual or wildlife that comes into contact with the rubbish."

If you that know that someone is involved in fly-tipping contact the council's environment enforcement officers on 01235 422403.

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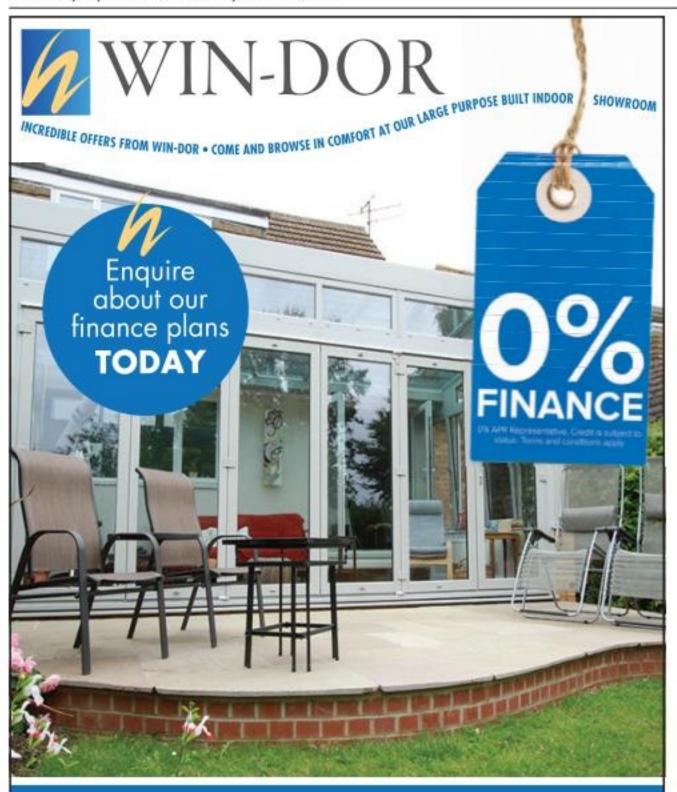
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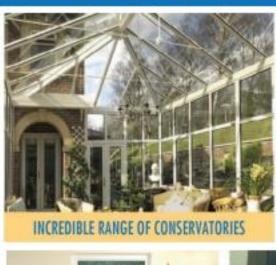
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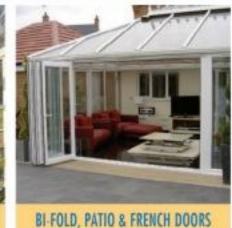
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Roadshow offers tips to help you stub out

By Eva Astreinidou

SMOKERS are being challenged to help 'improve life expectancy' while saving around £3,000 a year by quitting.

Oxfordshire County Council's Smokefreelife Oxfordshire hosted a special Stoptober-themed clinic at Abingdon market last week with more to come.

The event highlighted the benefits of going smoke-free and provided advice on quitting aids.

Research shows that when smokers give up for 28 days they are up to five times more likely to stay smoke-free for good – and can also put some serious cash back into their wallets, on average £250 a month according to NHS figures.

Cabinet member for public health, Cllr Hilary Hibbert-Biles, said: "Smoking remains the leading cause of preventable death in the UK and contributes to around 100,000 deaths each year.

"While smoking rates have fallen steadily in Oxfordshire and are below the national average, one in eight people are still lighting up in the county – which amounts to a lot of smokers.

"We're supporting Stoptober because it's vital we encourage Oxfordshire residents to make healthy choices.

"Quite simply, stopping smoking is the single biggest thing you can do to improve your life expectancy." Inviting others to join the challenge, Leena Sankla, director of public health and lifestyle services, said: "We are passionate about giving smokers the best possible chance to quit and hope that lots of people come and find out what we can offer by talking to the staff at our event.

"There will be lots going on and I'd encourage everyone, smoker or not, to come and enjoy the entertainment and learn about the support available through Smokefreelife Oxfordshire."

Smokefree Oxfordshire will also be at Templars Square Shopping Centre, Cowley on October 6 and outside Castle Quay Shopping Centre, Banbury on October 9. All events run from 10am to 3pm.

Mailman Pete 'posted' to Albania on exercise

OXFORD residents are used to seeing him dart between homes delivering letters and packages, but for two weeks Oxford postman Pete Dandy swapped his mail-bag for an SA-80 rifle.

Also known as Leading Aircraftman Dandy, for the past three years Pete has been a parttime RAF Regiment Reserves Gunner and this month was on a major exercise in Albania.

The 49-year-old former actorturned-postie joined 606 Squadron based at RAF Benson when he found out he was not too old for this new challenge.

He said: "I wanted to show my kids that in life anything is possible so this was an opportunity too good to be missed."

A devoted family man with 11-year-old twins, Pete said his RAF role keeps him in great shape for his job with the Royal Mail.

Speaking while in the Balkan country, he said: "My kids are really excited for me to be here in Albania. It's the first time I've been overseas with the RAF.

"The heat is very challenging, especially because of all the kit we have to wear and carry. But it's great fun.

"A few weeks after I get home I'll be off again with the RAF but next time it will be coasteering in Cornwall. I can't wait."

Joining Albanian soldiers from the Third Infantry Battalion were more than 130 Royal Air Force



part time Reservists from 18 RAF stations across Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Reserves exchanged

skills, ideas and tactics in airfield defence with their Albanian counterparts on the exercise which ended last Thursday.

Motorcyclist killed after colliding with van

AN elderly motorcyclist died after he collided with a van and was hit by another bike just outside Oxford.

The rider hit the stationary van in lane one of the A420, close to the A34 Botley Interchange in Oxford, at about 4.30pm on Friday.

The 72-year-old from Warwickshire, named locally as RAF veteran Mike Dobbin, fell from his bike and was struck by another which was travelling in lane two.

He was confirmed dead at the scene and his next of kin and the Oxfordshire coroner have been informed.

The second motorcyclist was taken to hospital and has been released. The van driver was uninjured.

No one has been arrested but officers at Thames Valley Police are appealing for witnesses.

Senior investigating officer, Sgt Jack Hawkins of the Joint Operations Roads Policing Unit, based at Abingdon, said: "Our thoughts remain with the man's family at this very difficult time.

"We are appealing for anyone who witnessed this road traffic collision to come forward and call 101 quoting reference 970 22/9/17."



Inspired to run for families

A CHILDREN'S nurse will run the Oxford half marathon to raise money for families going through 'heart-breaking times'.

Hospice nurse Sabine Schwaebisch from Abingdon will run past the city's famous landmarks to raise funds for Helen & Douglas House, where she works to support terminally ill children and their families, for the last five

She said she hopes to raise £200 for the charity.

She said: "[During my time here I have seen] every day what a difference Helen & Douglas House makes to people.

"I love my work and feel very rewarded when a child has had a great stay with us and their parents feel recharged.

"Helping families feel less alone and scared in heart-breaking times is a huge privilege and they deserve all the support possible. I will give my best on the day feeling inspired by the determination and love of those we look after."

Sabine has previously taken part in two of the Helen & Douglas House Rainbow Runs, but has never run a half marathon before.

She has now decided to take part and push herself to new limits on October 8, aiming for a time of just over two hours.

To help Sabine beat her target, visit www.justgiving.com/ fundraising/sabine-schwaebisch.

'Highly-intelligent' student avoids jail

Suspended sentence for stabbing ex-boyfriend

By Eva Astreinidou

AN Oxford student who a judge suggested was 'too bright' for prison was spared jail for stabbing her boyfriend.

Lavinia Woodward, 24, was given a 10-month suspended prison sentence on Monday for stabbing her ex-boyfriend.

She pleaded guilty to unlawfully wounding her partner at a hearing in May. Medical student Woodward attacked her then partner last year after a drinking binge at her university accommodation at Christ Church College, Oxford Crown Court heard.

She stabbed her ex-partner in the leg, cut his fingers with a bread knife and hurled a laptop at him.

Sentencing, Judge Ian Pringle QC said Woodward was 'genuinely remorseful'

He said: "There are many mitigating features in your case. Principally, at the age of 24 you have no previous convictions of any nature whatsoever.

"While you are clearly a highlyintelligent individual, you had an immaturity about you which was not commensurate for someone of your age."

He added: "As the reports from the experts make clear, you suffer from an emotionally-unstable personality disorder, a severe eating disorder and



alcohol and drug dependence.

"Finally, and most significantly, you have demonstrated over the last nine months that you are determined to rid yourself of your alcohol and drug addiction and have undergone extensive treatment including counselling to address the many issues that you face."

After the sentencing, the Dean of Christ Church, the Very Revd Professor Martyn Perry, said: "As a college we are concerned for the welfare of all our students, and it is clearly a matter of regret and sadness when any young person blights a promising career by committing a crime.

"Ms Woodward is not currently studying at Oxford, having voluntarily suspended her medical studies. The question of her future will now be decided by the university, which has procedures in place where a student is the subject of a criminal conviction."

InBrief

Poundland inquest likely to be delayed

THE inquest into the death of a father-of-two who was stabbed in Poundland could be delayed until February.

Justin Skrebowski, who lived in Sunnymead, was buying balloons for his wife's birthday when he was stabbed by schizophrenic drug addict Trevor Joyce on December 7, 2015.

The pre-inquest review, where family and legal representatives meet to discuss the scope of the inquest, was held on Monday and a date originally set for the full inquest to begin on November 13.

Coroner Darren Salter said this date was doubtful due to the amount of witnesses and evidence.

Autism switch off

SHOPS at Templar Square shopping centre will turn down the music and dim the lights to support the millions of shoppers who suffer from autism.

According to the National Autistic Society, 64 per cent of autistic people and their families avoid going to the shops due to the overwhelming sights and sounds.

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Is your postcode one of lucky lottery winners?

LUCKY lottery players in Didcot are set to get a lot richer after it was announced a postcode in the town was the winner of a £3million prize pot.

Excitement intensified across the OX11 8 area last week as word spread that Didcot was the People's Postcode Lottery winner for September.

All residents who have a ticket within the postcode will share the money – but they don't yet know how much they will each get.

Winners have received invitations to an event at Milton Hill House in Steventon on Saturday where the proceeds will be divvied out.

However, it has been revealed that



everyone will go home with at least £2,000.

The full winning postcode will also be announced on Saturday, with those who live there receiving the largest share of the cash. People's Postcode Lottery ambassadors Jeff Brazier and Judie McCourt will host the event and hand out the cheques on the day.

Mr Brazier said: "I can't wait to meet our fantastic winners from Didcot this weekend.

"Players of People's Postcode Lottery have raised a phenomenal amount of money for charity so well done to them all and good luck."

A minimum of 31 per cent from every ticket goes directly to charities. More than £229m has been raised so far towards more than 3,000 good causes across Great Britain and internationally.



A LOVING husband and wife cut the ribbon to start a major charity event in the name of Alzheimers.

More than 1,500 walkers took part in this year's Oxford Memory Walk on Sunday, helping raise awareness and funds for the Alzheimers Society.

Mike Fry and his wife Dot, who has dementia, kicked off the event at Oxford University Parks. It is the second memory walk the couple, both 77, have taken part in.

Mike said: "Dot's words can get muddled and she can find it hard to hold a conversation.

"Despite the challenges, we still try to get out as much as possible to meet new people and keep active. We used to enjoy walking holidays, which is one of the reasons we signed up to the Oxford Memory Walk."



Driver drank beer while on the M40

A VAN driver has been banned from driving after police found him swigging a bottle of beer while driving along the M40 last week.

Officers stopped 22-year-old Tibor Zsiga, of Dosza Gyorgy, Hungary, when he was behind the wheel of a Renault van on the motorway near Thame.

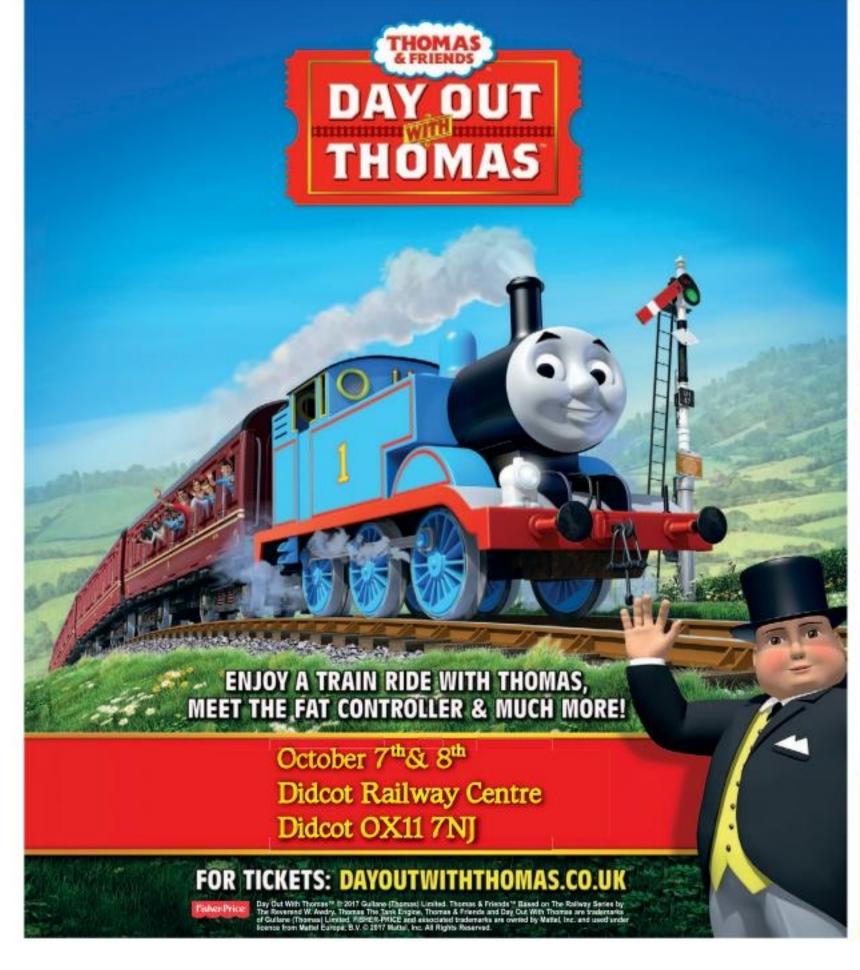
Police investigated following reports of bad driving on Monday last week and officers found a half-empty bottle of beer.

Zsiga refused to be breathalysed and was arrested.

He provided a specimen of breath that contained 51 mcg of alcohol in 100ml of breath when in custody. The legal limit is 35mcg.

He appeared at Oxford Magistrates' Court on Tuesday last week, where he was disqualified from driving for 15 months, fined £165, ordered to pay £85 in costs and a victim surcharge of £30.









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Workshops to help fathers be more involved

By George Welch

A NEW workshop to help dads tackle sexism has been set up.

Feminism for Dads is part of a project to build a network of dads who can drive change at home, at work and in their communities to create a more balanced and equal world for their children.

The workshops, run by consulting group Threads Equality Agency, will explore how feminism can be useful for dads to navigate the trials of parenting, rather than as a set of rules that tells men they are wrong.

The goal is to invite men into the conversation about gender equality.

Threads' founder Monique Ewen said: "There is a new generation of dads who want to be more involved in their kids' lives.

"They want to be supportive partners and set an example for what it means to be caring and nurturing as a man.

"But there is no blueprint for that, so these workshops are really about empowering men to be the kind of fathers they want to be."

The participant-focused workshops will focus on how to be a good role model, how to counter sexism and how to be caring and nurturing as a man and father.

The first of two workshops will take place at West Oxford Community Centre at 9am on October 7. The second is scheduled for the same time at Rose Hill Community Centre on October 21.

Present and future dads are welcome, including stepdads, foster dads, adoptive fathers and LGBTIQ parents.

Tickets are priced at £12.50 for unwaged, £17.50 for waged and £22.50 for better waged.

Visit tinyurl.com/y89u2uwx for tickets and more information.

"There is a new generation of dads who want to be more involved in their kids' lives"

> Threads' founder Monique Ewen

InBrief

Man rescued from car flipped in ditch

FIREFIGHTERS freed a man from a car that had flipped and crashed into a ditch.

The trapped man was rescued at around 3am on Sunday after his car crashed into trees, spun on its side and became wedged in the ditch between Buckland and Bampton.

Fire crews cut open the roof of the car to free the man, who avoided serious injuries.

Station manager Simon Belcher said: "The crews did a fantastic job in a difficult situation, the car was on its side down a ditch and the driver was trapped inside. This was a tricky rescue handled extremely well."

Watch manager Ed Maloney added: "A safety lesson from this incident is that we should all drive according to the nature of the road, slow down and make sure you can always stop safely."

Recycling advice

RECYCLING experts from Cherwell District Council are out on the road this week promoting their green message.

The team will be at Exeter Hall in Kidlington today, Bicester market tomorrow, and Banbury Canal Day on Sunday.

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Exploring sight loss and sleep

By Eva Astreinidou

A WOMAN who started losing her vision from an early age is taking part in vital research to help understand the link between eyesight and sleep.

Lori Riley, 66, from Chipping Norton, was having trouble recognising faces, reading and driving from the age of 35.

Shortly after, she was diagnosed with macular degeneration, a condition that affects the eye's retina and could lead to fragile blood vessels in the eye leaking blood or fluid.

Now, Mrs Riley, who suffers with disturbed sleep, is helping Oxford University researchers better understand whether different eye conditions have an impact on sleep patterns, to try and improve the care of patients who suffer from early onset vision loss. Mrs Riley said: "I don't sleep for long periods, I can go on very little sleep which probably does affect me in the long run. The awful thing is, my good eye could go at any time."

Researchers at the Oxford Eye Hospital at the John Radcliffe are now looking for people with healthy sleep and vision to take part in the study so they can be compared to those with vision loss.

Those taking part in the study are asked to complete questionnaires about their sleep and general health.

If they are found to have sleep disturbance they may be asked to fill out a sleep diary and provide urine samples over three weeks.

This group may also be asked to wear a small watch that senses movement and light.

It is hoped that by understanding the



different impacts of eye conditions on sleep patterns, this will lead to better care and support for patients with these problems.

Oxford Eye Hospital's Professor Susan Downes, who is leading the trial, said: "I hope that as many people as possible, without any health or eye problems, [can help] with our research. We are particularly looking for adults aged 60 years and older, but do need all ages to participate if they can."

InBrief

Quick-thinking act

AN Abingdon woman has been praised by the fire service after her quick thinking prevented a fire from destroying her house.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service was called to the Eason Drive home at 10.30am on Friday.

Firefighters used breathing apparatus and took hoses and highpressure fans inside to tackle the blaze which the fire service said could have caused much more damage had the woman not closed the first floor bedroom.

Watch manager Neil Priestly said: "The lady reacted very quickly, she shut the door on the fire, got out and called 999. This helped us enormously to get there quickly and contain the fire."

Two occupants of the house suffered smoke inhalation and required treatment. The cause of the fire is being investigated.

Protester arrested

AN Oxfordshire man was arrested after Greenpeace activists climbed aboard a ship carrying diesel cars.

The 46-year-old from Cleveley, near Chipping Norton, was arrested last Thursday on suspicion of entering a vessel and was one of five apprehended in total. He has been bailed until October 19.

The protest at Sheerness port, on the Isle of Sheppey, was against the importing of diesel cars from Germany.

Jailed for possession with intent to supply heroin and cocaine

AN Oxford man has been jailed after being found in possession of heroin and cocaine.

Liam Bayat, 30 of Leiden Road, Oxford, appeared at Oxford Crown Court on September 15 where he pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply class A drugs.

He has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

Bayat was stopped by police in St Helen's Court, Abingdon, on July 13. After a search of the vehicle, he was found in possession of 13 wraps of heroin.

He was arrested at the scene and in custody, a further 25 wraps of cocaine and heroin were located on him.

He was charged on the same day with possession with intent to supply class A drugs.

Following the sentencing PC Garry Dixon, of the Abingdon LPA Tasking Team, said: "Bayat was found with a significant quantity of class A drugs which would have undoubtedly caused harm and disruption within our communities.

"The drugs have now been seized and Bayat has been convicted of the offence.

"We will not tolerate the possession and supply of illegal drugs within the Thames Valley and will continue to target this sort of behaviour."





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A colourful array of flowers and vegetables filled St Mary's Church

In the market for some veg

A GROUP of local producers have celebrated their 10th anniversary with a packed market earlier this month.

The weekly Wallingford Local Producers Market is one of many impacted by the town council's decision to close the Regal Centre without notice and is set to host markets at St Mary's Church until Christmas.

But the inconvenience caused didn't hold the WLPM back.

Chair and market coordinator

Wendy Tobitt said: "The stallholders are fitting in to the church very well and customers tell us they like the atmosphere.

"WLPM proves that local many people want to buy locallyproduced fresh and high quality meat, bread, eggs, vegetables and prepared food and beautiful crafts."

The WLPM 10th anniversary cake was cut by Matt Cockman, chef/patron of The Partridge in Wallingford and champion of local produce.

Unearthing the history around and beneath us

By George Welch

HISTORY buffs have a chance to witness 20 years of treasure at a new exhibition celebrating the most amazing historical discoveries by Oxfordshire treasure hunters.

Featuring objects from ancient pottery and gold coins to Iron Age jewellery and Elizabethan rings, the Oxfordshire Museum display reveals the stories behind some of the 30,000 archaeological objects reported in the county.

The exhibit, called 20 Years of Treasure - The Portable Antiquities scheme in Oxfordshire, marks two decades since legislation was introduced to protect significant archaeological finds.

All of the objects have been found by local people and metal detectorists across Oxfordshire.

They include treasure finds as well as items that have been recorded but not classed as treasure.

Lorraine Lindsay-Gale, the county council's cabinet member for cultural services, said: "Our knowledge of Oxfordshire's past has been greatly enhanced and the Museums Service collections enriched by the many objects found by local people and metal detectorists over the last 20

"We now have an extraordinary resource for exploring our past and this exhibition is a great opportunity for visitors to come and see some of the very best of this.

"This is a real treat for anyone with an interest in local history."

Among the exhibits is a remarkable recent find by metal detectorist Tim Moody from Charney Bassett, near Wantage.

He unearthed a rare late-Roman set of 'dividers' - a technical drawing instrument similar to a pair of compasses - creating excitement in local academic circles.

The electrical consultant, who began metal detecting as a teenager, mistook the 18cm bronze item as an old tent peg and only realised the rarity of his discovery when he returned home to examine his day's finds.

Mr Moody said: "I contacted the



Tim Moody with the Roman drawing instrument he found alongside Oxfordshire Museum Service's Finds Liaison Officer Anni Byard and Curator of Archaeology David Moon. Right top, the seal of Wymond de Brandon and below, a gold pendant applique

museum and they took some pictures and got a professional artist to draw some pictures.

"The academics were thrilled and the museums service asked if they could put them on display.

"I was more than happy to donate the artefact, which is probably one of my best finds."

The exhibition at the museum in Woodstock runs until March 31.

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One of city's 'beautiful streets' given overhaul

By George Welch

WORK on a £65,000 overhaul of an Oxford city centre junction has been completed.

The new-look junction of Broad Street, Parks Road, Holywell Street and Catte Street now features a 'junction table' in a roundabout style similar to Frideswide Square.

This has replaced the old traffic lights, which the county council said were beyond repair.

Oxford University contributed £35,000 and the city council £15,000 towards the project with the county council paying the remaining £15,000.

The junction, in need of a facelift due to traffic control problems in the city centre, is a gateway to Oxford University's science area.

The university used cash generated from staff parking to support the project.

Councillor Dan Iley-Williamson, Oxford City Council member for Holywell Ward, said: "This busy junction is within my ward and, since I became a councillor in 2016, I have been asking for improvements to be made to it, particularly for cyclists.

"I'm delighted to have been able to



Cllr Alex Hollingsworth; Nick Brown, chair of the buildings and estates sub-committee at Oxford University and Cllr Suzanne Bartington cycle the new-look Broad Street

contribute towards this project, and that the city council, county council and Oxford University have come together to help make it happen.

"This will be a real improvement and will make it easier for all road users to navigate what is one of the city's most beautiful streets."

Councillor Yvonne Constance, the county council's cabinet member for

the environment, said: "The new look is far more in keeping with the area and the junction table reduces the speed of traffic.

"People who travel through the junction have been getting used to the new layout during the construction and the feedback has been positive. Hopefully now it is all finished people will really see the benefits."

InBrief

Live-in care better

NINETY-FIVE per cent of elderly people would rather stay in their own homes than move to a residential care home when they become unable to care for themselves, according to a new report.

Research by the Live-In Care Hub, a not-for-profit organisation that helps raise the quality of elderly care in the UK, says live-in care is a better alternative to a residential care home for the elderly.

The Live-In Care Hub has three bases in Oxfordshire, including Oxford Aunts, Acquire Care in Headington and Mumbys Homecare in Abingdon.

Co-founder Dominique Kent said: "The report reveals that care in their own home is preferable for almost all elderly people.

"Our mission is to raise awareness of live-in care as a better alternative to a care home."

Visit www.liveincarehub.co.uk for more information.

Fair to go ahead

THE October Thame Fair will go ahead after an agreement was reached between Thame Town Council and the London and Home Counties section of the Showmen's Guild.

It comes after the town's September fair was cancelled after a row over a rent increase.

Thame October Fair will take place on October 13 and 14.













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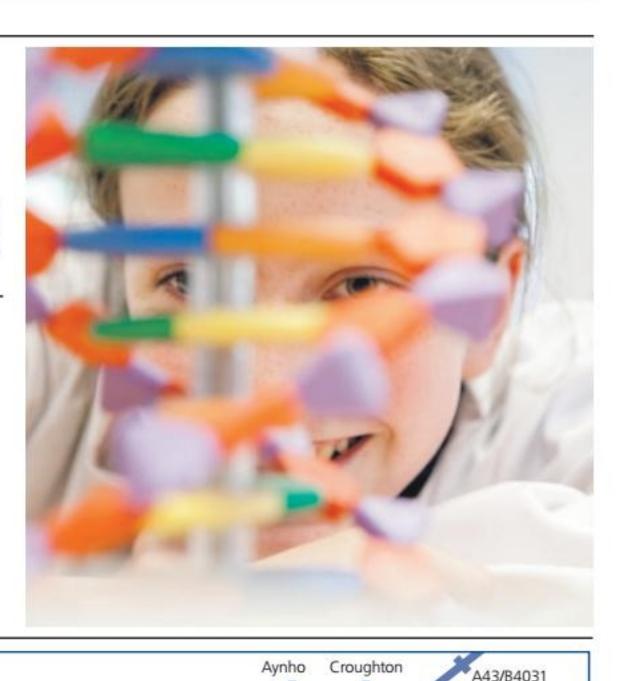
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New gym offering 'maximum results from minimum input'

By George Welch

LETS face it, most of us want to get fit but dread hitting the treadmill.

But strenuous exercise could be a thing of the past after a new clinically designed gym promising to 'maximise outcomes but minimise input' opened in Summertown.

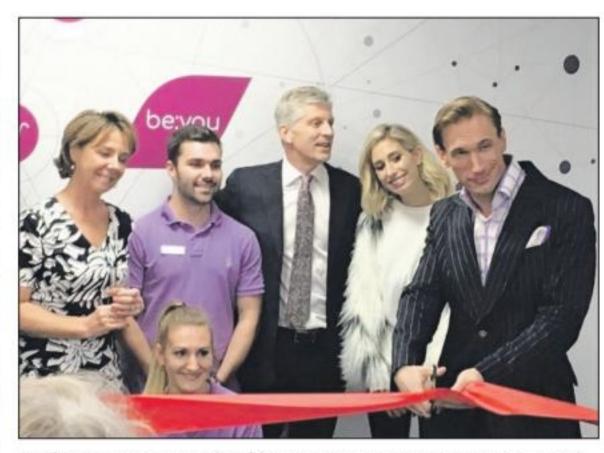
Claiming to be the world's first 'health gym', Viavi:Be opened nearly two months ago but was formally launched last week by Embarrassing Bodies star Dr Christian Jessen and former X Factor contestant Stacey Solomon.

Due to the tailored and scientifically advanced methods used, the gym promises just 35 minutes of exercise twice a week will deliver 'meaningful' results.

The Banbury Road gym is primarily targeted at the 40+ age range after a government report highlighted that exercise tends to tail-off at this stage of life.

As a result, Viavi:Be, which doesn't have memberships, has been created specifically for those wanting to address or pre-empt signs of lifestyle disease and want to become more active.

Its programme is based on four



Dr Christian Jessen cuts the ribbon to open Viavi:Be in Summertown with former X Factor contestant Stacey Solomon and right, Dr Christian with Dr Sabine Donnai

components: exercise and movement, clinical nutrition, energy recovery, and ageing management.

Oxford's newest gym is the brainchild of Dr Sabine Donnai, who believes people want to exercise but struggle to fit the time in.

She said: "As a result, we begin to

accept the 'inevitability' that in our middle years our health will decline.

"While we all become older, there is no reason to feel we are 'ageing' or for our health to decline - a reality that can be addressed quite easily if activity plans are tailored around the individual.



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Foodies feast with menu of choices

THE doors to Thame Food Festival are set to open this weekend as the event runs for two days for the first time.

Opening on Saturday at Thame Showground, the festival has a host of chefs and bakers lined up to show off their culinary skills.

Guests include MasterChef winner Shelina Permalloo, Benoit Blin and festival ambassador Raymond

Lotte Duncan, patron and organiser, said this year's event would be "very different" from previous food festivals.

She said: "With nearly 20 demonstrations and over 180 stalls, plus the botanical gin garden, pop-up restaurant and chefs' banquet in the evening there is going to be so much going on."

For more information and tickets view thamefoodfestival.co.uk

Got a sweet tooth?

A NEW dessert restaurant is opening in Oxford.

Heavenly Desserts will sweeten up the city in High Street, Headington when it opens its doors at midday on Friday, October 20.

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Colourful celebrations for Canal Day

BANBURY is putting the finishing touches to its a colourful and funfilled Canal Day festival.

The family fun day on Sunday celebrates the history of Banbury's canal.

The annual Canal Day celebration is a reminder that the waterway was an important factor in Banbury's growth and development.

When it opened in 1778 the canal brought wealth and prosperity to the town.

It was the M1 of its day and provided a cheap and reliable supply of Warwickshire coal and other goods manufactured in the

industrial Midlands.

The canal declined as a transport route with the coming of the railways but is still busy with holiday boaters who spend money in the town's shops, pubs and restaurants.

Mayor Cllr Colin Clarke said: "Canal Day is a massive event that takes us back to days gone by.

"It is good news that we can have the event this year when all seemed lost - and with the accent on 'colour' there will be plenty of things for people to see and do."

There will be stalls and entertainment along the towpaths, and music in the

garden of General Foods Social Club.

Entertainment in Spiceball Park will include falconry, go-karts, food and drink stalls plus other traders, and there will be workshops outside The Mill.

The festival had been in doubt having been cancelled in February due to planned building work on part of the Castle Quay Two expansion which was due to have started in August, but will now take place later in the year.

The free event - organised by Banbury Town Council - will run from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

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Cheque out MP's surgery at bank

PEOPLE are used to seeing their bank manager when they drop into their branch, but not their MP.

But north Oxfordshire MP Victoria Prentis set up her surgery in Banbury town centre Barclays after being offered a private room for meetings with constituents.

Mrs Prentis often held 'supermarket surgeries' in Sainsbury's cafés, but this was a first for a bank.

She said the new location was a "success" with a number of local people popping in to have a chat about issues ranging from help with visas to mental health

Surgeries are an important part of an MP's job, giving constituents face-to-face time with their elected representative.

Mrs Prentis said: "The setting in Barclays Banbury was ideal for meeting my constituents, particularly those with quite complex cases.

"The staff were very helpful, providing a private room to conduct each appointment in.

"I am keen to ensure that my surgeries are accessible, so holding them in places such as banks on the high street and supermarket cafés works well.

"While my diary is very busy, I thoroughly enjoy holding surgeries and meeting constituents, alongside my more rural 'pub tours'."

For more information go to victoriaprentis.com



Victoria Prentis MP with staff at Barclays in Banbury

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Nominate your pet heroes for medals

ANIMAL lovers are being encouraged to nominate inspirational pets worthy of winning a medal.

Pet charity Blue Cross, which has rehoming centres in Burford and Lewknor, wants to hear about hero pets from across the nation as it opens nominations for the Blue Cross Medal 2018.

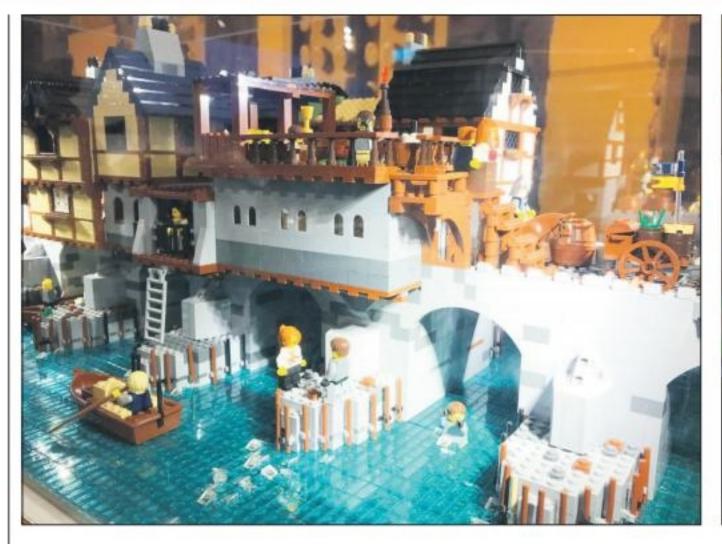
If your happy hound or cute cat helps change lives they could be in with a chance of greater recognition.

Last year's winner was a five-yearold Staffordshire bull terrier cross called Romeo who regularly donates blood to the Royal Veterinary College to save numerous dogs' lives.

Blue Cross chief executive Sally de la Bedoyere said: "We want to honour the amazing things pets do for us and how they change our lives."

The Blue Cross Medal is open to pets that are assistance, serving or working animals and those that have formed life-changing partnerships or done something brave.

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By Samantha McGregor

YOU'D normally have to travel far and wide to see the 'wonders of the world' but now there's the chance to see them on your doorstep – or at least miniature versions of them.

Brick Wonders: The Wonders of the World in LEGO® bricks runs at Banbury Museum and features some of the most iconic structures of the world including the Great Wall of China and the Great Pyramid of Giza, but all in miniature.

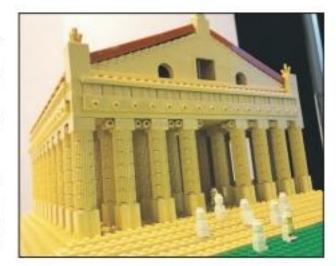
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The wonders of the world, ancient and modern, have been packed into the museum's gallery thanks to sponsorship by Hawkins Group, a Banbury-based construction firm.

Museum director Simon Townsend said: "Having a vibrant and diverse cultural offering is a key constituent to promoting Banbury as a thriving place to live and work.

"Sponsorships, such as this, are vital to us. We are now an independent charity, and must attract new investment from individuals and companies in order to grow and flourish."

The Lego exhibits also include a reconstruction of Hawkins Group's



Banbury headquarters.

Mike Hawkins, managing director of Hawkins Group said: "We are passionate about supporting and giving back to our local community and sponsoring the Brick Wonders exhibition at Banbury Museum is an excellent opportunity to raise awareness of the museum and the fantastic services it has to offer."

Throughout the exhibition which runs until November 18, visitors old and young can create their own Lego structure.

As part of the exhibition the museum's education department launched the Banbury Buildathon competition to schools last week throwing down the gauntlet to come up with their own Lego building project.

The winner will be unveiled on Saturday, November 11.

Academy trust adds another school to growing community

ONE of Oxfordshire's most successful academy trusts responsible for several schools in the county has added a second Abingdon institution to its portfolio.

Thameside Primary School on Cotman Close has converted to an academy and is the eighth academy to be run by the Vale Academy Trust (VAT).

The VAT, which converted Larkmead School, on Faringdon Road, to an academy at the start of the year, now has a shared responsibility for 4,200 young people and over 650 members of staff across south Oxfordshire.

Thameside headteacher Anna Grice said the school is 'delighted' to join the trust, adding that her staff would be able to work closely with other VAT schools "to share and further develop good practice, which will benefit our pupils and the whole school community".

The new academy currently accommodates around 200 pupils.

Simon Spiers, the trust's CEO, said: "It's an exciting moment when we see that students and staff will benefit immediately both within and outside the classroom, working with each other across different local communities to ensure standards will continue to be raised and there will be more opportunities for the young people in our care."

The chair of governors, Sharron Jenkinson, said: "This is an exciting time for all of us at Thameside. We are a good school, providing the children in our south Abingdon community with a strong start in life."





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Right, Matthew Norris, Luke Norris and Dan O'Donnell on terra firma and above, Luke in mid-flight

13,000ft leap of faith

By George Welch

THE sky was the limit for a group of heroic fundraisers who strapped on parachutes and plummeted 13,000 feet to the ground to raise money for our charity of the year.

The courageous foursome took the leap of faith and plunged at 120mph to raise funds for Play2Give, supporting its 10th anniversary appeal for Oxford Children's Hospital and Headway Oxfordshire.

Enjoying their chance to be reallife supermen. Luke Norris. Matthew Norris, Dan O'Donnell and Peter Herring helped to add hundreds of pounds to P2G's milestone year appeal.

The daring quartet made the jump over Hinton Airfield, near Brackley, on Sunday afternoon and all landed safely back on the ground.

The driving forces behind the jump were Didcot brothers Luke, 23, and Matthew, 21, close friends of P2G founder Andy Baker.

Luke, who works at Sainsbury's in the town, said: "To say I was terrified of the skydive was an understatement. I was absolutely petrified.

"But I stood by my promise and, as it's for P2G, I was only too keen."

He added: "Andy always amazes me and, despite what he lives with [a brain injury], I always remain inspired by all the great work he does, despite the challenges and hurdles he faces medically.

"I was hugely honoured to not only have played my part, despite the aches, pains and stomach churning feeling afterwards, but also being part of such a wonderful organisation and assisting Andy."

Peter, our production manager, also took on the daring descent.

He said: "It was a great experience once I got over the nerves and build up. I felt proud to be helping Andy and P2G. Fingers crossed I'll get to my £500 target."

Andy, who watched from the safety



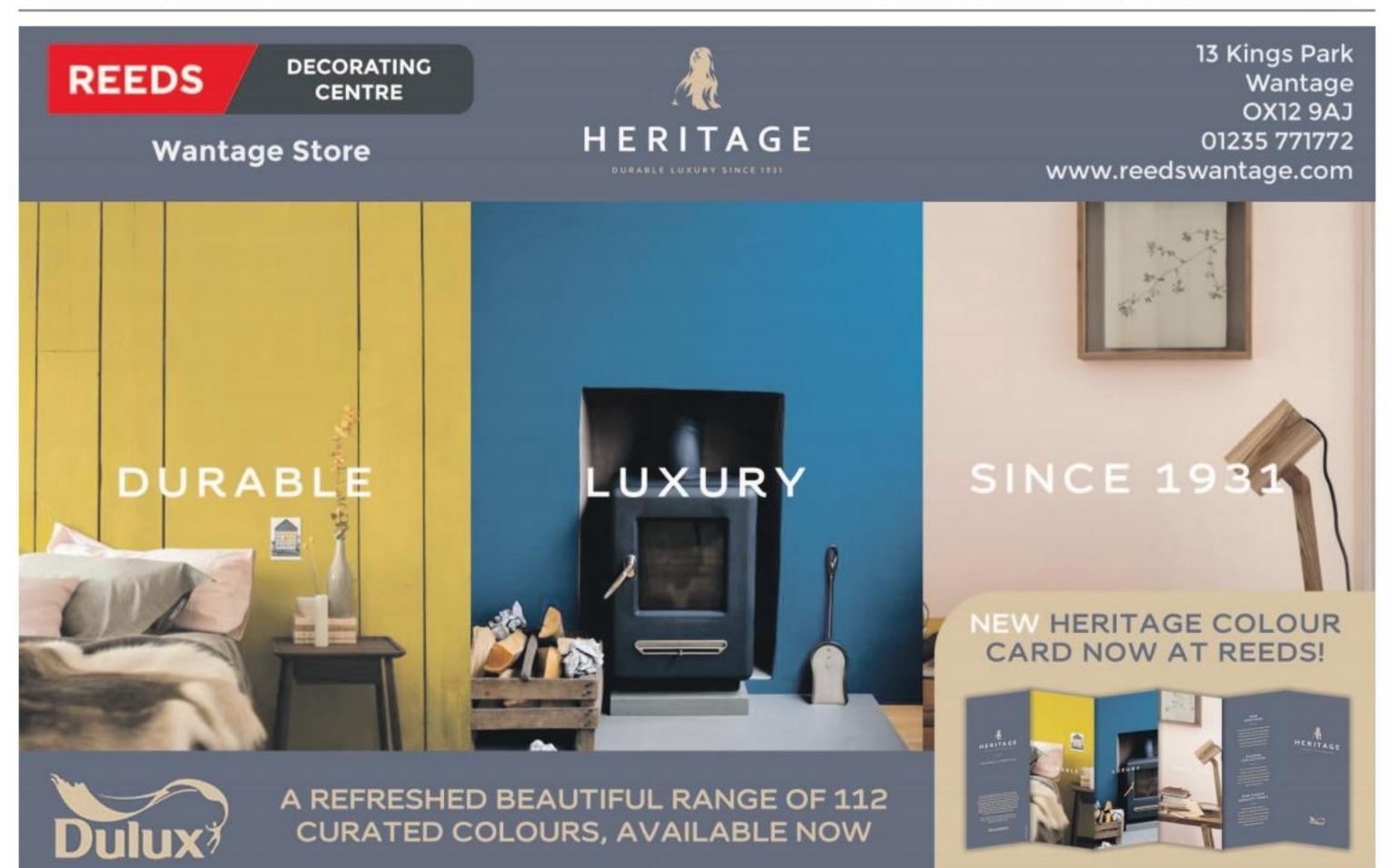
Peter Herring with instructor Dave Luke just after landing

of the ground, said he is "hugely proud" of all four hardy souls.

He added: "I know the nerves, trepidation and anticipation they suffered for months and weeks, and on the day itself, but they all did really well and they did P2G proud.

"I have huge admiration for them and they have proved themselves to be superstars taking on a heroic leap of faith to support P2G's goals this year."

To donate to the skydivers, visit the following pages: Pete Herring – tinyurl.com/yb5w6dj9 (£425); Luke Norris – tinyurl.com/y9ns6dks (£250); Matthew Norris – can donate at Luke's page; Dan O'Donnell – tinyurl.com/ yaoldtex (£110)



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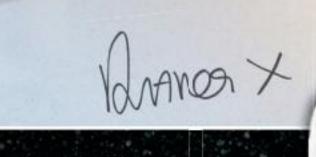
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Young apprentices show skills

By George Welch

THE new series of The Apprentice hits our TV screens next week – but there's not a chance this group of Oxfordshire school kids will hear the words 'you're fired' any time soon.

While a group of attention seeking businessmen and women battle it out for Lord Sugar's favour, pupils at LVS Oxford will embark on an exciting project of their own.

And there is no doubt billionaire and media personality Lord Sugar would be impressed with the business acumen of the youngsters, who all have a diagnosis on the autism spectrum.

The pupils will run their own business initiative alongside their lessons.

The goal of the scheme is to give students the business experience and social skills they will need to go on to lead independent lives when they leave the school.

An enterprise set up by LVS pupils last term called No 2 Things will be taken on and grown by a new group of learners who started their business studies this month.

No 2 Things' initial product collection included items such as cassette tape pen holders, decorated bottles and jars, and homemade bath bombs.

The enterprise proved a big hit with guests at a launch event earlier in the year and there are plans to expand its product range, including upcycled furniture and produce made from fruit and vegetables grown at the school.

Pupil Craig Harris, who has been involved in the project from the start, said the business opportunity has helped and will continue to improve his personal development.



He said: "I feel that being part of the No 2 Things enterprise project has helped me become more confident when it comes to working as part of a team and dealing with customers.

"I've enjoyed having an active role in

the company. It's been a big hit."

Head of school Louisa Allison-Bergin added that the enterprise "has boosted their confidence, taught them new skills and given them a good insight into running a business".

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TIME is running out for early birds

The popular pre-festive season event will take place in central Oxford on December 10.

The 3.5 km fun run starts in Broad Street and goes through University Parks.

The charity provides hospice care for terminally ill children and young adults from across the region.

Sign up before Sunday at www. hdh.org.uk for discounted prices.

Shingles vaccine

PEOPLE in their 70s are being urged to protect themselves against shingles with a free vaccine.

Local GP practices are offering patients the service as part of the NHS shingles immunisation campaign for 2017/18. The NHS is encouraging everyone who is offered the vaccine to take it up to avoid illness.

Business park welcomes two clients to new premises

TWO firms have moved into new premises as major refurbishment work continues at Grove Business Park.

Weed control specialists Charlton Environmental and a wood burning stove company moved to new accommodation in Merlin House at the south Oxfordshire park this month.

Both businesses, which are already based onsite, are taking around 1,000 sqft at £10 per sqft on a five-year lease.

Merlin House, originally constructed as a single premise in 2003, is being redeveloped into three units with tenants being offered accommodation tailored to their needs.

Richard Lyall, project director at Grove Business Park Ltd, which owns the site, said: "We have offered two excellent existing tenants new accommodation which is a vast

improvement on their current facilities.

"We are delighted they are staying with us and these strong businesses will form the foundation of our future plans for the park."

The central development of Merlin House will be available as a single standalone warehouse unit of 2,250 sq ft.

Stephen John, managing director at Charlton Environmental, said being based at the park with access to the M4, M40 and A34 has enabled his businesses to secure work from across the south east.

He added: "The rejuvenation of the park has been a welcome improvement and the division of Merlin House has enabled us to design a building that meets our needs for a larger and more useable workspace as we grow as a company."

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11 arrests as restaurants raided

By Eva Astreinidou

ELEVEN people were arrested following immigration raids at two Oxford restaurants last week.

Acting on intelligence, immigration enforcement officers visited Hong Kong House, Banbury Road, and the Oriental Express in Between Towns Road on Friday.

Five men and one woman, all Malaysian nationals aged between 22 and 47, were arrested at Hong Kong House.

At the Oriental Express, officers arrested five men aged between 22 and 36, including three Indonesian

nationals, a Malaysian national and a Nepalese national.

All those arrested have been found to have overstayed their visas and were transferred to immigration detention while steps are taken to remove them from the UK.

Both businesses were served with a civil penalty referral notice warning that a financial penalty of up to £20,000 per illegal worker arrested could be imposed unless the employer can prove right-to-work document checks were carried out.

Assistant Director Carol Scarr, head of the West Midlands Immigration Enforcement team, said: "We are happy to work with businesses to ensure the right pre-employment checks are carried out, but those intent on operating outside the law will be found and will be punished.

"Using illegal labour is not victimless. It cheats the taxpayer, undercuts honest businesses and cheats legitimate job seekers of employment opportunities.

"We robustly pursue debts owed by employers of illegal immigrants, and last year we collected more than £16million."

Hong Kong House was closed on Saturday after the raid by Immigration Enforcement, a department within the Home Office responsible for enforcing immigration law.

The restaurant has previously been targeted in raids in 2009.

Five people were arrested at the time, with the restaurant facing a fine of up to £50,000 for employing the workers.

At the time, Insp Dick Stratton, of the UK Border Agency, said: "This is the second set of operations we have carried out in the Oxford area in recent weeks.

"Those who break the law should take these operations as a warning we are out there looking for you and you will get punished."

InBrief

Girl racially abused

RACIST comments have been made towards a 14-year-old girl in Abingdon.

Police are asking for witnesses to come forward after the racially aggravated incident on September 19 at around 8am when the girl was walking along Wootton Road. She was approached by two men and a woman.

The first offender is a white man, around 45, 5ft 10ins tall, with an average build. He has medium-length brown and grey hair thinning on top and a brown beard. He was wearing a black t-shirt, stonewash denim jeans and white and black trainers.

The second offender is a white man, around 40 and 6ft tall, with an average build and black hair. He was wearing a black t-shirt and green coloured trousers.

The white woman was around 40 and 5ft 4ins tall. She has dyed red hair. She was wearing a green hooded top and blue jeans.

Call 101 if you have any information.

Half-term discount

CHERWELL District Council has launched a 30 per cent early bird discount for children booked into the half-term hub before Sunday.

Hubs provide sports, games, arts and crafts for five to 15-year-olds at Cooper School in Bicester and North Oxfordshire Academy in Banbury.

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Vet honoured for animal welfare work

AN Oxford vet has been awarded a prestigious award for her international work championing farm animal welfare.

Ruth Layton, of north Oxford, has been recognised for her efforts to improve farm animal welfare within the supply chains of some of the world's most influential food brands, including McDonalds and Marks & Spencer.

She has done this by co-founding Oxford-based FAI Farms as well as Benchmark Holdings, which provide sustainable sourcing solutions for the food sector and implement better farming practices.

Ms Layton, who worked as a vet for 17 years while sheep farming across the UK, has helped reshape the policies of food brands when sourcing sustainable livestock products.

This has been done by implementing the 'three Es': economic, ethical and environmental policies.

On hearing that she was to receive the British Veterinary Association's Chiron Award, Ms Layton said: "I am truly honoured to receive this award.

"It is recognition of the hard work, determination and bravery of the individuals I have worked with over the years to challenge the status quo in the food chain.

"There was a recognition of the urgent need to improve food production systems, particularly animal welfare, and I knew this could only be made the norm if we were to collaborate with some of the world's biggest organisations.

"Thus we founded FAI Farms and the wider Benchmark Group and I'm proud to see the results in practice.

"The journey towards a sustainable food chain continues and I look forward to contributing in the years to come with a key focus on the shift from consumerism to citizenship."

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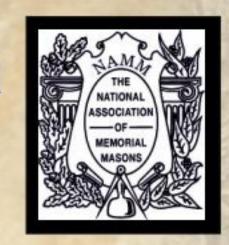
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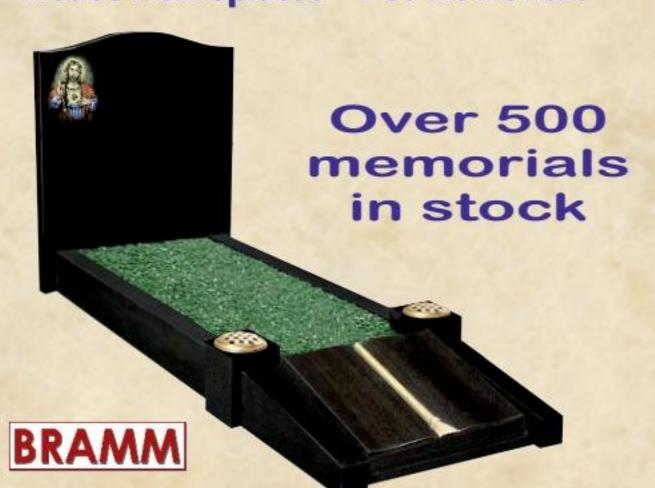
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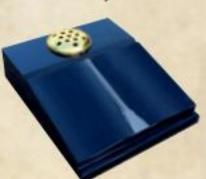
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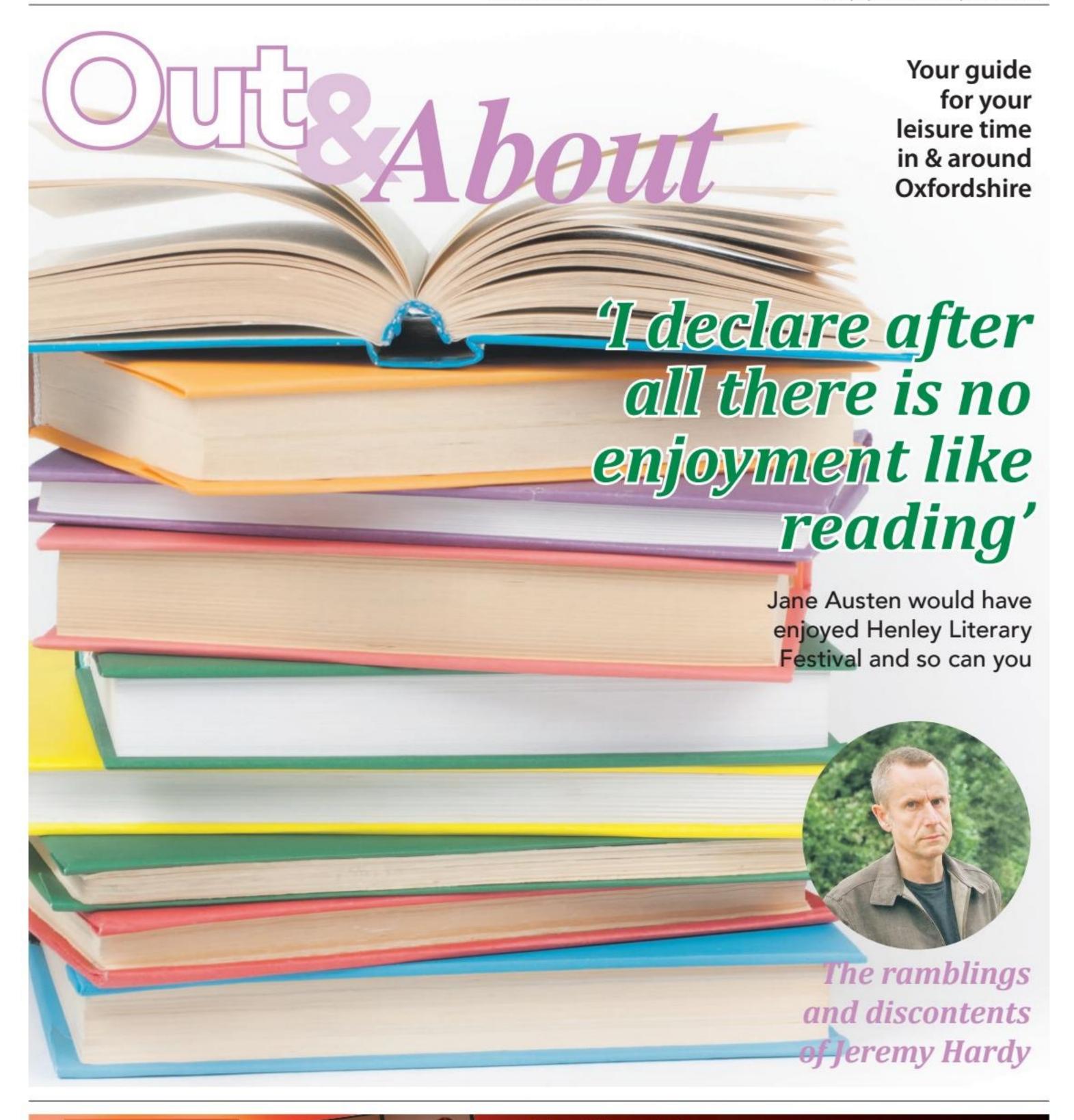


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More than 150 talks, Q&As, workshops and performances are being held.

The line-up features bestselling novelists Paula Hawkins, Roddy Doyle, Katie Fforde, Michael Morpurgo and Joanne Harris alongside speakers from politics, entertainment, sport and more including Russell Brand, Mary Berry, Phil Tufnell, June Sarpong and Chris Patten. Family events include Alison Steadman and Radio 1's Greg James with their first children's books, award-winning authors and illustrators Rob Biddulph and Steve Antony, Clare Balding and The Tiger Who Came To Tea.

The last year has featured some amazing, tragic and uplifting moments which have changed the world and you can expect to hear many thoughts on them over the course of the festival.

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Acclaimed play offers tips on surviving the modern world

By Samantha McGregor

JEREMY Herrin's revival of Duncan Macmillan's People, Places & Things comes to Oxford Playhouse after a sell-out season in London.

The vivid portrayal of one woman's entanglement in addiction, treatment and self-awareness introduces audiences to Emma.

She was having the time of her life, before it spun recklessly out of control through her dependency on drink and drugs. Now she's in rehab.

Her first step is to admit she has a problem.

But the problem isn't with Emma, it's with everything else.

She needs to tell the truth, but she's smart enough to know that there's no such thing. When intoxication feels like the

only way to survive the modern world, how can she ever sober up? Irish born Lisa Dwyer Hogg will

take the baton from Denise Gough as Emma. Lisa's credits include St Joan

at the Lyric in Belfast, Liola at the National Theatre, and Loyal Women at the Royal Court. She has also had stints on The Fall and the BBC's Waking The Dead.

Joining her is Michael Balogun



who performed in Bookshop Theatre's True West, Trevor Fox, Susan Lawson-Reynolds who was in To Kill A Mockingbird at Regents Park Open Air, Ekow Quartey, of As You Like It, at the National Theatre.

The cast also includes Andrew Sheridan, who was in Nuclear War, at the Royal Court, Imogen Slaughter, who performed in Twelfth Night, at the National Theatre, 2017 RADA graduate Aimee-Lou Wood and Matilda Ziegler, who appeared in For Services Rendered at Chichester Festival Theatre.

Described as the show everyone has been talking about, tickets cost from £15 and are available from the box office on 01865 305305 or go to oxfordplayhouse.com

It takes to the stage from Wednesday, October 11 to Saturday, October 14, following a critically acclaimed, sell-out season at the National Theatre and in London's West End.

On stage

Joanna's star is certainly rising

SOPRANO Joanna Forest is set to perform in Thame supported by the town's children's choir.

She takes to the stage at The Players Theatre, Nelson Street, tomorrow at 7.45pm, to perform songs from her debut album, Stars Are Rising.

The record made chart history by becoming the first independent artist to get to number one in the official classical album charts.

Joanna has been working with world-renowned orchestrator, conductor and pianist, Robert Emery, since 2015.

Together they created Stars Are Rising, an eclectic mix of powerful arias, cinematic classics and crossover versions of popular hits including Bowie's Life on Mars and Slade's How Does It Feel?

After studying at the Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts, Joanna made her West End musical debut aged just 13 performing at the Dominion Theatre, London.

She broke onto the classical music



scene in 2014, when she duetted with Britain's Got Talent winner and global megastar, Paul Potts, at a charity concert in London's Palace

Joanna has appeared on television shows across the BBC, ITV, Sky and Classic FM as well as The Royal Variety Performance.

Children from Thame Children's Choir, which was founded in 2010 and is open to children from aged seven, will perform alongside her.

Tickets cost £10 from Spear Travels, Greyhound Walk, Thame, or call 01844 217228 or view thameplayers.co.uk

■ There's good news for all those who can't hit a note –a TV musical show with a difference is looking for the worst singers to take part. Change Your Tune is a new ITV show offering contestants the chance to be trained by top vocal and performance coaches to be in with a chance to win thousands. Email singingshow@twofour.co.uk for an application form. Closing date October 20. Applicants must be over 18 and UK residents.

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Fancy a laugh? You're spoilt for choice

By Samantha McGregor

Jeremy Hardy grumbles and rants on about modern life

STAND-UP comedian Jeremy Hardy talks death, fear and what it's like to be in comedy.

The star of Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation, The News Quiz and I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue will stop off at The Beacon, in Wantage, on Saturday as part of his autumn tour.

Jeremy, who is enjoying his fourth decade as a stand-up comedian, took time out to talk about his current live show which he says feels as though his act and material are a fair reflection of what's going on in the country just now.

He said: "There isn't a driving sense of rebellion, everything is so disparate now.

"When I started comedy there was a real sense of polarity: you had Thatcher and the miners and you took sides.

"But now people are voting on different issues and it's all over the



"A lot of my demographic is quite weary. I feel like I'm entertaining the troops who aren't that confident about whether they're going to survive the war."

Jeremy's career saw him rise through the 'alternative cabaret' scene of London in the early 1980s, and in 1988 he won the prestigious Perrier Award.

He has become a fixture on Radio 4 through shows such as The News Quiz and Jeremy Hardy Speaks To The Nation, and his membership of the I'm Sorry I Haven't Got A Clue team has brought him before

a whole new live audience with its touring show.

Of his tour, he said: "I am talking about politics but more about how these things impact on me and affect me emotionally in terms of feeling bewildered and battered by

"I'm not trying to sound like an authority and people don't need to bring notebooks to the show. It's much more the ramblings and discontents of a person in the back half of life."

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LOL at city's new comedy club

NEW monthly comedy shows are coming to Oxford and will kick off with Mock The Week and Never Mind The Buzzcocks' Ben Norris.

The New Theatre has teamed up with Laugh Out Loud Comedy Clubs to bring a new monthly weekend show to the city from Saturday, October 14.

Organised by comic Damion Larkin he has put together a stellar line-up of top comedians, many who regularly appear on television.

The former stockbroker said: "I pretty much gave it up overnight having decided to be a comedian. I had no idea how to go about it and as a result have virtually no money left but I'm still smiling.

"Seeing as the nights I run in York, Stoke and Southport are doing well after a lot of hard work and some absolutely brilliant shows. I think the residents of Oxford will love this comedy club and make it a hilarious success."

Damion said: "I'm so excited about the comedians we're bringing to Oxford as they are as good as you'll anywhere in the country.

"I'm hoping the people of Oxford will get behind it so it can become a



permanent fixture for the city."

Supporting Ben Norris, pictured, on Friday, October 21, is Let's Dance for Comic Relief winner Charlie Baker, Never Mind the Buzzcocks and co-star with Harry Hill in Harry Hill's teatime on Sky 1, Adam Staunton with MC Damion Larkin.

The rest of the year and into 2018, the LOL Comedy Club line-up includes comedians from TV shows including BBC2's Mock The Week, BBC1's Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow and Live at The Apollo, ITVs Keith Lemon's Celebrity Juice, and BBC2's Russell Howard show.

For tickets, priced just £17.50 (£21 on the door) drop in to the New Theatre in George Street, call 0844 871 3020 or go to atgtickets.com/lol





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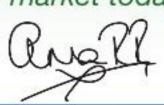
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t's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than "celebrity make-over" as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quiet a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

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Britain's weather is, as everyone knows, hit and miss, however, full body wetsuits can be hired, keeping you comfortably warm in all weather scenarios.

If you fancy keeping dry while your

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little ones let off some steam, then you can enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee and other nibbles from the on-site café, which over looks the lake.

The facilities are remarkably dry, very clean and easy to access.

Parents and guardians can rest assured that their loved ones will be in a safe environment as the Aqua Park hosts at least four, fully trained and professional life guard at any one time. The safety briefings are concise and easy to understand, allowing everyone to have the maximum amount of fun throughout the session.

Oxford Aqua Park is open

Wednesday for Sunday and open for two weeks over the October half term holiday; with free parking on site and affordable admission costs this wet and wild activity makes a perfect day out for anyone aged six and over. Booking in advance is strongly advised due to the Park's popularity, to do so please call 07376 976734 or visit oxfordaquapark.com

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Q: Where is Oxford Aqua Park-Bournemouth, Berinsfield or Banbury?





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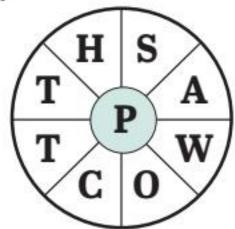


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WORDWHEEL

You have 10 mins to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or 18. She uses proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.



How you rate:

15 words, average; 20 words, good; 25 words, very good; 30 or more, excellent.

DOUBLE CROSSWORD

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 1. Are they game to draw? (11)
- 9. Wife must be horsy to do so! (3)
- 10. He is sad in parts (9)
- 11. Throw out mixed peel about ten (5)
- It is taken by tennis players and parsons (7)
- 14. An earthshaking event, no doubt (6)
- 16. Where the cricketer gets his wrinkles? (6)
- needles to make trinket (7)
- 19. Made purchases from writer in street (5)
- 20. For corresponding musicians? (9)
- 21. Devotee cools things down? (3)
- 22. How to sit when one is peevish at not being limbless? (5-6)

Down

- 2. Tattery bit of student fun? (3)
- 3. Up to the time of the account I'll get (5)
- 4. Husky ashore
- He clips swelled head on listener (7)
- 6. Remove alien item (9)
- Not getting enough revenue from the enterprise? (11)
- 8. Certainly not dull, and apparently profitable (11)
- 12. Forecaster cried "Port!" (9)
- 15. Sea-creature could be made into soup after a month (7)
- 17. Support for the Spanish to drive (6)
- 19. Shoot sprightly person first (5)
- 21. Doesn't quite get the sense of professional charge (3)

20

Quick Clues:

21. Also (3)

Down Across

- Give and take (11) 2. Devour (3)
- Mine (3)
- 10. Worsen (9) 4. Area (6)
- 11. Automaton (5) 5. Disordered (7)
- 13. Last longer (7)
- 14. Swagger (6) Suitable (11)
- 16. Ascended with 8. Ignominy (11) difficulty (6)
 - 12. Swear (9) Muddle (7)

21. Yellowish-

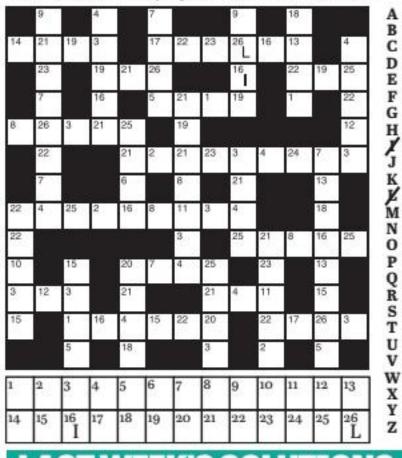
Unsuitable (5)

Wayfarer (9)

- 18. Make impact (7) 19. Explode (5) 17. Diversion (6)
- 20. Quivering (9) Assail (5)
- Profaning (11) brown (3)

CODEWORD

Codeword is the crossword puzzle with no clues. The number in each square corresponds to a letter. Work out the words in the grid using the letters provided. Fill in these known letters first, then use skill and judgement to work out the others.



WEEK'S SOLUTIO

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DOUBLE CROSSWORD:

Cryptic: Across: 1 Road; 3 Importer; 9 Madness; 10 Foray; 11 Lose one's head; 13 Repose; 15 Trench; 17 Reproduction; 20 Exist; 21 Air-mail; 22 Paradise; 23 Less.

Down: 1 Ramblers; 2 Andes; 4 Mashed; 5 Off the record; 6 Terrain; 7 Rays; 8 Demonstrated; 12 Shingles; 14 Premier; 16 Ideals; 18 Irate; 19 Leap.

Quick: Across: 1 Exit; 3 Flounder; 9 Account; 10 False; 11 Irrespective; 13 Exotic; 15 Coarse; 17 Quantitative; 20 Climb; 21 Tillage; 22 Esteemed; 23 Pert.

Down: 1 Examiner; 2 Incur; 4 Letter; 5 Unfathomable; 6 Deliver; 7 Reel: 8 Questionable; 12 Reverent; 14 Oculist; 16 Little; 18 Image; 19 Ache.

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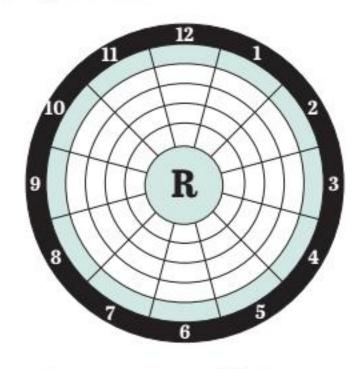
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1=K, 2=O, 3=Q, 4=E, 5=J, 6=S, 7=N, 8=H, 9=I, 10=P, 11=F, 12=A, 13=U, 14=X, 15=V, 16=W, 17=Z, 18=C, 19=D, 20=L, 21=Y, 22=G, 23=B, 24=T, 25=M, 26=R. WORD WHEEL:

LECHEROUS.

CLOCKWORD

The solutions from 1 to 12 are all six-letter words ending with the letter R in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer circle will spell out the name of a former England cricketer.



1. Instrument

2. Sword

- 7. Wood
- Legendary king
- 8. Fear 9. Mollusc
- 4. Hand tool
- 10. Mend
- Business 6. Parent
- 11. Tree Simpler

NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

THE CLUES:

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gives a fish; gives a fish; gives meat.

KAKURO

Fill in the white squares with the numbers 1 to 9.

Each horizontal block of squares must add up to the number in the shaded square to its left, and each vertical block must add up to the number in the shaded square above it.

No number may be used more than once in any one block.

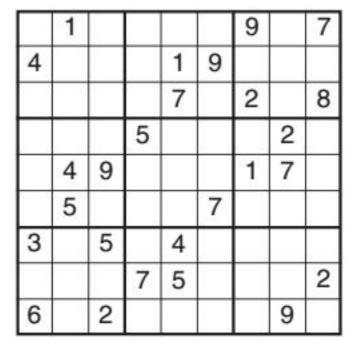
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SPLIT DECISION

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

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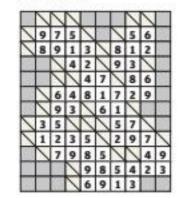
1 Father, 2 Rasher, 3 Author, 4 Number, 5 Kipper, 6 Shiver, 7 Killer, 8 Indoor, 9 Nearer, 10 Natter, 11 Exeter, 12 Rector.

CELEBRITY: Frank Skinner.

KAKURO:

SOLEMNITY.

NINER:



SUDOKU:

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Who Cares?

Facing up to dementia: meet Mary, Joan and June

'Within the throws of youth, one feels a sense of invincibility,' says Oriane Pierrepoint, a self-taught artist who despite her youth, draws striking portraits that engage with diseases such as stroke and dementia. Because of a long-standing interest in the biomedical sciences, her portraits deliberately confront the unwillingness of society as she sees it – or some sectors within society - to recognise the difficulties faced by its most vulnerable members.

Oriane spent several months as a volunteer working with some of these individuals in a care home setting, coming to know them, their relatives and their stories: informed by listening to the experiences and memories of stroke victims and those who suffer from dementia, she then sensitively captured the declining mental state of three of these individuals in the face of dementia and the position in which they have found themselves as a result. And so in their chairs, in floor-to-ceiling charcoal portraits, you can meet Mary, Joan and June face-to-face, and read in their faces the process of ageing and its associated anxieties.

'It is often said by those in the medi-

cal/carer profession,' explains Oriane, 'that it is the hostile, untrusting
and mostly vacant stare of dementia
and Alzheimer patients that reveals
their condition and its severity,' and
she explains that the gaze is telling not only of the presence of the
condition but also of the individual's
experience of it, as their ability to
communicate deteriorates and their
minds become increasingly impenetrable.

'One of the most valuable attributes of the visual arts,' she continues, 'is its ability to transport us into an individual's situation and self.' And as an artist she asks therefore whether producing a portrait that depicts an individual with dementia is therefore an insurmountable challenge when this individual's life is slowly being dismantled, words have failed and their subject's 'self' is 'lost'?

And yet, through 'purposeful hinting' at the backdrop of the care home, in the emotive gazes of the three larger-than-life faces that hang in the Old Fire Station Gallery this month, and with the gradual fading and smudging of the charcoal lines at the periphery of her images representing the increasingly lack of

clarity and withdrawal of loved ones, Oriane has successfully highlighted the challenge both of the self-loss of the individual dementia patient and the difficulties that today's society must confront. We recommend you take the time to visit and reflect, however old you are.

The exhibition Residents runs from 28 September – 4 November (Tues-



day – Saturday, 11am – 6pm. FREE.) At Arts at the Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford OX1 2AQ

There is also the opportunity for people with dementia and their carers/ companions to participate in a free workshop with the artist, 'Looking at and drawing portraits,' on Tuesday 3 October, 2pm – 3.30pm: No previous experience required though firestation.org.uk or by calling 01865 263990.

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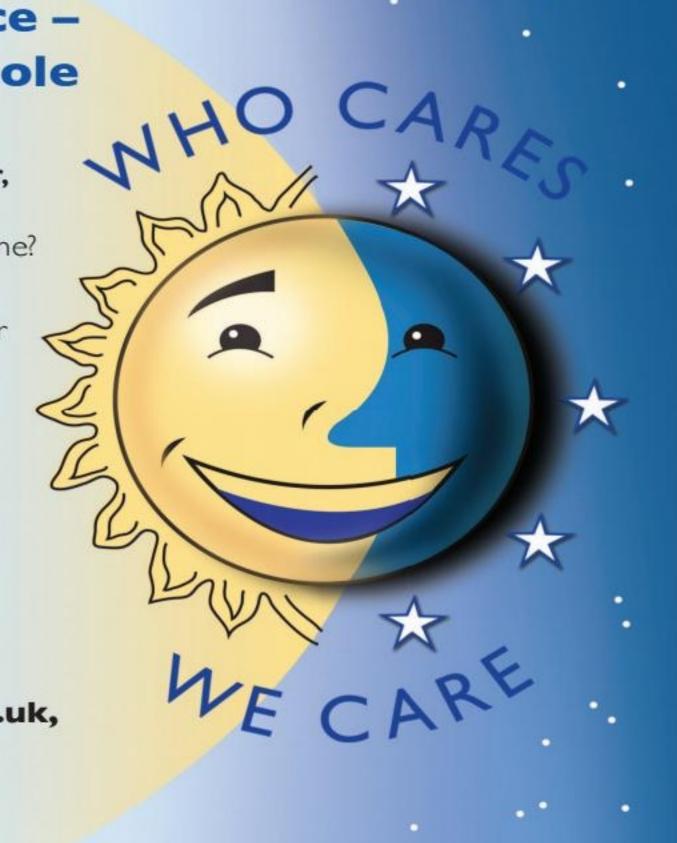
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Simple steps homeowners can take now to protect their assets.

Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing too little, too late to protect their hard-earned assets.

Care Cost Fees

"A lot of people are still unaware that if they need care in later life, their assets will be means-tested by the Local Authority to help pay for these services."

"The Local Authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £14,250, when the Local Authority will take over the fees."

"For instance, my own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 92. My grandfather had died many years earlier and left everything to her."

"When she needed care in the last six years of her life, because my grandfather had left everything to her, the house and all the estate was counted in the Local Authority's means test."

"Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the Local Authority get it all?"

"Just as she died, she had gone down to that lower limit of £14,250 and that's all her children inherited."

"There are many myths about the steps people can take to protect their assets from being used like this."

"The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children now, so it won't be taken into consideration for means testing. That's just not true."

"Local Authorities will actually look to see if you've 'deliberately deprived' yourself of an asset by giving property away, going back over any period in time."

"Sometimes people think that if the gift is made seven years prior then the house is safe. This is not so as the seven-year rule only applies to Inheritance Tax and not Local Authority care."

"The solution is for couples to simply not leave everything to each other in the first place."

"What my grandfather could have done is leave his half of the house in trust to his children, stating that they couldn't have it while his wife, my grandmother, was still alive. We call these Property Trust Wills."

"If my grandfather had left his half of the house in trust to the children then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her later life she would only have been means tested on her own half of the house, but my grandfather's half would have been safe."

"Why should he have to contribute his half when he didn't receive any care?"

"The important factor is that couples need to act in advance. Once one party dies or loses mental capacity, through a stroke for example, then they are no longer in a position to do this legitimate and straightforward type of planning."

"It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not foresee care fees being an Attorney document." issue."

Paul goes on to explain that most clients he sees are surprised to learn remarriage usually cancels a Will and makes the spouse next in line to inherit, ahead of their own children! Protecting your half of the house in this way, he suggests, ensures that your children ultimately inherit when the survivor dies.

"Had my grandmother remarried after the death of my grandfather the whole estate could have passed sideways out of the family," says Paul.

Lasting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a Will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive.

"Everyone should actually have two documents - a Will that deals with their estate on death, and a Lasting Power of Attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime," he says.

"There are two types of Lasting Power of Attorney - one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare."

"In many ways it's similar to a passport; a document that's registered now and one which can be physically handed to the attorneys should the need arise."

"It allows the attorneys, perhaps the children, to deal with the banks and pension companies etc should their parent become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as where the parent should be living and how they should receive care."

"Your attorneys, again perhaps your children, must legally act in your best interests at all times."

"You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently, and April King advises on the various options available."

"Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a Lasting Power of

"Having a Lasting Power of Attorney removes the burden on children should ill health happen further down the line."

"It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and ceases on death."

"Crucially, you have to complete a Lasting Power of Attorney while you are still in good mental health."

"If someone becomes ill through say, a stroke or dementia, this option is lost and the family would have to apply for a Deputyship Order from the Court of Protection - a drawn out and expensive process."

"It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and remove any future burden from the family."

"Once again, all adults should be thinking of this, particularly when there are children or a business involved."

"It's not just something to think about when you get older, that's the challenge for us."

"People think, 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a Power of Attorney?' But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance."



Paul King, Head of April King Legal

"The Lasting Power of Attorney remains in place until you die unless you want to cancel it."

"Once it's registered, you don't have to worry if you then develop some debilitating illness. A burden has been removed from the family at an already difficult time."

Bloodline Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made standard 'Mirror Wills' with other firms before approaching the Firm. A Mirror Will is when a couple leave everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. But modern family life means these type of Wills leave a lot to chance.

Explains Paul: "If I have a Mirror Will leaving everything to my wife and she remarries or goes into care after my death then either the new husband or the Local Authority are likely to inherit most, if not all, of my estate ahead of my children."

"Even if my children are named in my Mirror Will, it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything."

"Once again, this is because a remarriage would cancel the Will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband next-of-kin."

"This often comes as a big shock to my clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and that the family bloodline would one day inherit."

"The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will one day benefit under a Mirror Will."

"If any of your children should die leaving everything to their husband or wife and that son-in-law or daughter-in-law should then remarry, then your grandchildren would be the ones to lose out under the line of inheritance."

"Worse still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work."

"I've experienced this in my own family and I'm sure most people have had similar experiences or heard of someone who has."

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Saturday September 30th

Match of the Day, 10.30pm



6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) 11.30 The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food (S)(R) 12.00 Football Focus (S) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Rugby League: Super League Play-Off Highlights (S) 2.15 Bargain Hunt (S) 3.15 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 4.00 Final Score (S) 5.10 Invictus Games 2017 (S) 5.40 BBC News (S) 5.50 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 6.00 Pointless Celebrities (S) 6.45 Strictly Come Dancing (S)

8.50 Casualty Connie's health concerns weigh heavily on her mind. (S)

Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes's children suspect one of them is adopted. (S)(R)

10,10 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S) 10.30 Match of the Day Including highlights of Chelsea v Manchester City. (S)

11,55 The NFL Show Mark Chapman presents highlights of Green Bay Packers v Chicago Bears. (S)

AFTER 12.25 FILM The Salton Sea (2002) 18) Crime thriller, starring Val Kilmer. (S) 2.00 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 2,05 BBC News (S)

BBC2

Later - with ools Holland, 10.30pm



6.15 How We Won the War (S)(R) 6.45 Coast (S)(R) 7.30 FILM Herbie Goes Bananas (1980) (U) (S) 9.00 Saturday Mash-Up!: Saturday Mash-Up! (S) 9.10 Saturday Mash-Up!: Danger Mouse (S) 10.00 Saturday Mash-Up!: The Next Step (S) 11.00 Natural World (S)(R) 12.00 Rick Stein's Long Weekends (S)(R) 1.00 Flog It! (S) 1.30 Mastermind (S)(R) 2.00 University Challenge (S)(R) 2.30 Only Connect (S)(R) 3.00 Rowing: World Championships (S) 5.30 Gardeners' World (S)(R) 6.30 The Big Family Cooking Showdown (S)(R)

7.30 Front Row Street artist Bambi tours the new Jean-Michael Basquiat exhibition. (S)

8.00 Britain Afloat New series. Mary-Ann Ochota explores the history of river boats in Britain. (S) 8.30 Dad's Army The platoon decides

9.00 Stop All the Clocks: WH Auden in an Age of Anxiety The contemporary relevance of the poetry of WH Auden, (S)

to recruit women. (S)(R)

10,00 Kate Tempest Presents Live poetry and performance at the BBC's inaugural Contains Strong Language festival in Hull. (S) 10,30 Later - with Jools Holland (S)

11.35 FILM The Edge of Love (2008) (15) Fact-based period drama, starring Keira Knightley, Sienna Miller, Cillian Murphy and Matthew Rhys. (S)

1.20 FILM Trishna (2011) (15) Romantic drama, starring Freida Pinto and Riz Ahmed. (S) 3.05 This Is BBC Two (S)



6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled! (S) 9.25 ITV News (S) 9.30 Saturday Morning with James Martin (S) 11.25 The Hungry Sailors (S)(R) 12.20 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.25 Midsomer Murders (S)(R) 2.25 Catchphrase (S)(R) 3.10 The X Factor (S)(R) 4.10 Thunderbirds Are Go (S)(R) 4.40 Little Big Shots (S)(R) 5.35 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 5.45 ITV News (S) 6.00 Cannonball (S)

7.00 The Family Chase The O'Hares from Liverpool take part in the general knowledge quiz. (S)

8.00 The X Factor: Bootcamp The contestants are shipped off to Bootcamp. (S)

The Jonathan Ross Show With guests Demi Lovato, Martin Clunes, Holly Willoughby and James Arthur. (S)

10,30 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.45 FILM American Pie 2 (2001) (15) Comedy sequel, with Jason Biggs and Chris Klein. (S)

12.40 Jackpot247 3.00 The Hungry Sailors (S)(R) 3,50 ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

WWII's Great Escapes: The reedom Trails.



6.55 Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Practice 3 Live (S) 8.25 F1 Meets Nigel Mansell (S)(R) 8,55 Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Qualifying Live (S) 11.45 World's Most Expensive Cars (S)(R) 12.40 The Simpsons (S)(R) 1.30 Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Qualifying (S) 3.30 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun (S)(R) 5,35 Location, Location, Location (S)(R) 6.30 Channel 4 News (S)

7.00 Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson The Time Team veteran ventures along Offa's Dyke, near the England-Wales border. (S)

8.00 WW∎'s Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails The story of a daring SAS mission behind enemy lines in northern Italy. (S)

9.00 FILM Now You See Me (2013) (12) Crime thriller, starring Jesse Eisenberg and Mark Ruffalo. (S)

Channel 5

Football on 5: The Championship,



6.00 Milkshake! 10.10 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) 10.45 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 2 (S)(R) 11.40 On Benefits: Depressed, Stressed and Repossessed (S)(R) 12.40 Nightmare Tenants: Get Out of My House (S)(R) 1.35 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords (S)(R) 2.35 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door (S)(R) 4.35 5 News Weekend (S) 4.40 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R) 6.35 FILM The Fifth Element (1997) (PG) (S)

7.35 5 News Update (S) 7.40 FILM The Fifth Element (1997) (PG) Concluded. (S)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games, (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush (S) 10.25 FLM Jumper (2008) (12) Fantasy thriller, with Hayden Christensen and Samuel L Jackson. (S)

11.15 FLM Transcendence (2014) (12) Sci-fi drama, with Johnny Depp and Rebecca Hall. (S)

1.20 The Last Leg (S)(R) 2.15 Hollyoaks (S) 4,20 Location, Location, Location (S)(R) 5.15 Too Many Cooks (S)(R) 5.40 Four in a Bed (S)(R)

12,05 SuperCasino (S) 3,10 FILM Throw Momma from the Train (1987) (15) Black comedy, directed by and starring Danny DeVito. (S) 4.40 Access (S)(R) 4.50 Divine Designs (S) (R) 5.20 Wildlife SOS (S)(R) 5.45 Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)



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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 6.10 Emmerdale 8.40 Coronation Street 11.30 The X Factor 12.35 Take Me Out 1.55 FILM: Babe (1995) (U) Family comedy, starring James Cromwell 2.55 FYI Daily 3.00 FILM: Babe (1995) (U) Concluded. 3.45 FILM: The Smurfs 2 (2013) (U) Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Hank Azaria, 4.45 FYI Daily 4.50 FILM: The Smurfs 2 (2013) (U) Concluded. 5.50 FILM: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Martin Freeman and Ian McKellen. 6.50 FYI Daily 6.55 FILM: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) (12) Concluded. 9.00 FILM: The Hangover (2009) (15) Comedy, starring Bradley Cooper. 10.00 FYI Daily 10.05 FILM: The Hangover (2009) (15) Concluded. 11.10 Family Guy 12.35 American Dad! 1.05 Celebrity Juice 1.50 Bromans 2.40 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.55 Teleshopping 5.55 ITV2

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Judge Judy 6.20 Murder, She Wrote 7.15 FILM: Death on the Nile (1978) (PG) Agatha Christie mystery, with Peter Ustinov. 8.15 FYI Daily 8.20 FILM: Death on the Nile (1978) (PG) Concluded, 10.00 FILM: Columbo: A Case of Immunity (1975) (U) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. 11.40 Hidden Treasure 1.45 Rosemary & Thyme 2.45 Foyle's War 7.00 Midsomer Murders 11.05 My Boy Jack 1.05 On the Buses 2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Incredible Human Journey 8.00 Wild China 9.00 Black Lake 10.25 James May: The Reassembler 11.25 Top of the Pops: 1984 12.30 Sammy Davis Jr. The Kid in the Middle 1.30 Bombay Railway 2.30 Wild China 3.30 Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Stage School 8.30 The Goldbergs 9.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 10.30 The Goldbergs 1.00 FILM: Cheaper By the Dozen (2003) (PG) Family comedy remake, starring Steve Martin. 2.55 Don't Tell the Bride 4.00 The Great British Bake Off 5.15 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 FILM: Volcano (1997) (12) Disaster thriller, starring Tommy Lee Jones. 10.00 FILM: Dredd (2012) (18) Sci-fi thriller, starring Karl Urban. 11.55 The Inbetweeners 1.00

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MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems 9.25 Coast vs Country 10.25 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away 2.40 Four in a Bed 5.15 Come Dine with Me 7.55 First Humans: The Cave Discovery 9.00 The Two Million Year Old Boy 10.00 Prehistoric Mega Beasts: Croc v Snake 11.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 1.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 2.10 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 3.10 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut 3.50 Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 A Monster in Paris (2011) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Vanessa Paradis. 1.00 Ramona and Beezus (2010) (U) Family comedy, starring Joey King. 3.05 Thunderbirds Are Go! (1966) (U) Puppet adventure, with the voice of Shane Rimmer. 4.55 Dr Dolittle (1998) (PG) Comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. 6.35 The Day After Tomorrow (2004) (12) Disaster thriller, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Dennis Quaid. 9.00 Transformers: Dark of the Moon (2011) (12) Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Shia LaBeouf. 12.00 Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (2009) (18) 1.45 Come Drink with Me (1966) (15) 3.45 Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping 7.10 Top Gear 8.00 Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge 9.00 Top Gear 10.00 Brojects 11.00 Top Gear 1.00 Traffic Cops 3.00 Top Gear 5.00 Would I Lie to You? 7.00 Red Dwarf 9.00 FILM: Black Hawk Down (2001) (15) Fact-based military drama, starring Josh Hartnett, 12.00 Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish 1.00 QI XL 2.55 Parks and Recreation 4.00 Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Garrow's Law 9.00 All Creatures Great and Small 11.00 Sharpe 1.00 When the Boat Comes In 4.00 The Mrs Bradley Mysteries 5.00 The Brokenwood Mysteries 7.00 Sue Thomas: FBEye 8.00 Murdoch Mysteries 9.00 Shetland 10.20 Waking the Dead 12.45 Sharpe 2.45 Garrow's Law 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Wild Things 7.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 8.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo 8.30 Soccer AM: The Best Bits 9.00 PL Prediction Show 9.30 Premier League Preview 10.00 Soccer AM 11.30 The Next Jamie Vardy 12.30

Celebs Go Dating 4.00 How I Met Your Mother 4.45 | Football's Funniest Moments 1.00 Gillette Soccer Saturday 5.15 PL Greatest Games 5.30 Modern Family 8.00 A League of Their Own 9.00 FILM: K-19: The Widowmaker (2002) (12) Fact-based thriller, starring Harrison Ford and Liam Neeson. 11.35 The Russell Howard Hour 12.35 Stella 1.35 Most Daring 2.35 Hawaii Five-0 3.35 Road Wars 4.00 Stargate Atlantis

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets 7.50 The British 10.40 The Putin Interviews 1.00 House 4.00 Without a Trace 9.00 Game of Thrones 11.20 Ballers 11.55 Last Week Tonight with John Oliver 12.30 Real Time with Bill Maher 1.40 The Wire 2.50 The Putin Interviews 4.00 The British 5.00 The Guest Wing

W SKY: 109

6.15 Judge Faith 7.00 The Bill 12.00 EastEnders 2.40 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars 5.40 The Secret Life of the Ballroom 6.40 My Family 7.20 My Family Christmas Special 8.00 John Bishop: In Conversation with Jimmy Carr 9.00 FILM: The Pelican Brief (1993) (12) Legal thriller, starring Julia Roberts. 11.50 Louis Theroux - A Place for Paedophiles. Life inside Coalinga State Hospital in California. 12.50 Babies: Special Delivery 1.50 Your Home in Their Hands 3.00 Home Shopping

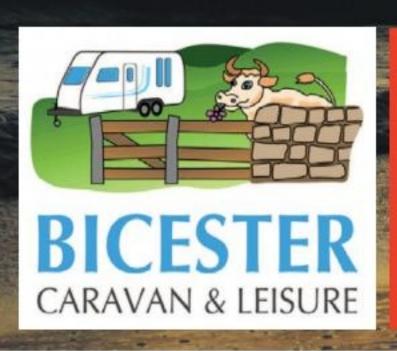
GOLD SKY: 110

7.10 The Interviews 8.00 Goodnight Sweetheart 9.20 Lucky Feller 9.55 The Piglet Files 10.25 A Sharp Intake of Breath 11.00 Butterflies 11.40 Only Fools and Horses 2.20 Rock & Chips 3.40 Only Fools and Horses 1.15 Goodnight Sweetheart 2.25 Harry Hill's TV Burp 2.50 Big School 3.25 Bob Monkhouse: On the Spot 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY:

6.00 Through the Night 7.00 Good Morning Sports Fans 9.00 Live Formula 1. The Malaysian Grand Prix qualifying session (Start-time 10.00am). 11.30 Live Premier League. Huddersfield Town v Tottenham Hotspur (kick-off 12.30pm). 3.00 Live Super League Million Pound Game. Coverage of the game (kick-off TBA). 5.30 Live EFL. Reading v Norwich City (kick-off 5.30pm). 7.40 Live Fight Night. Paul Butler v Stuart Hall 11.30 Live Rugby Championship. Argentina v New Zealand (kick-off 11.40pm). 1.45 Super League Million Pound Game 2.00 Through the Night

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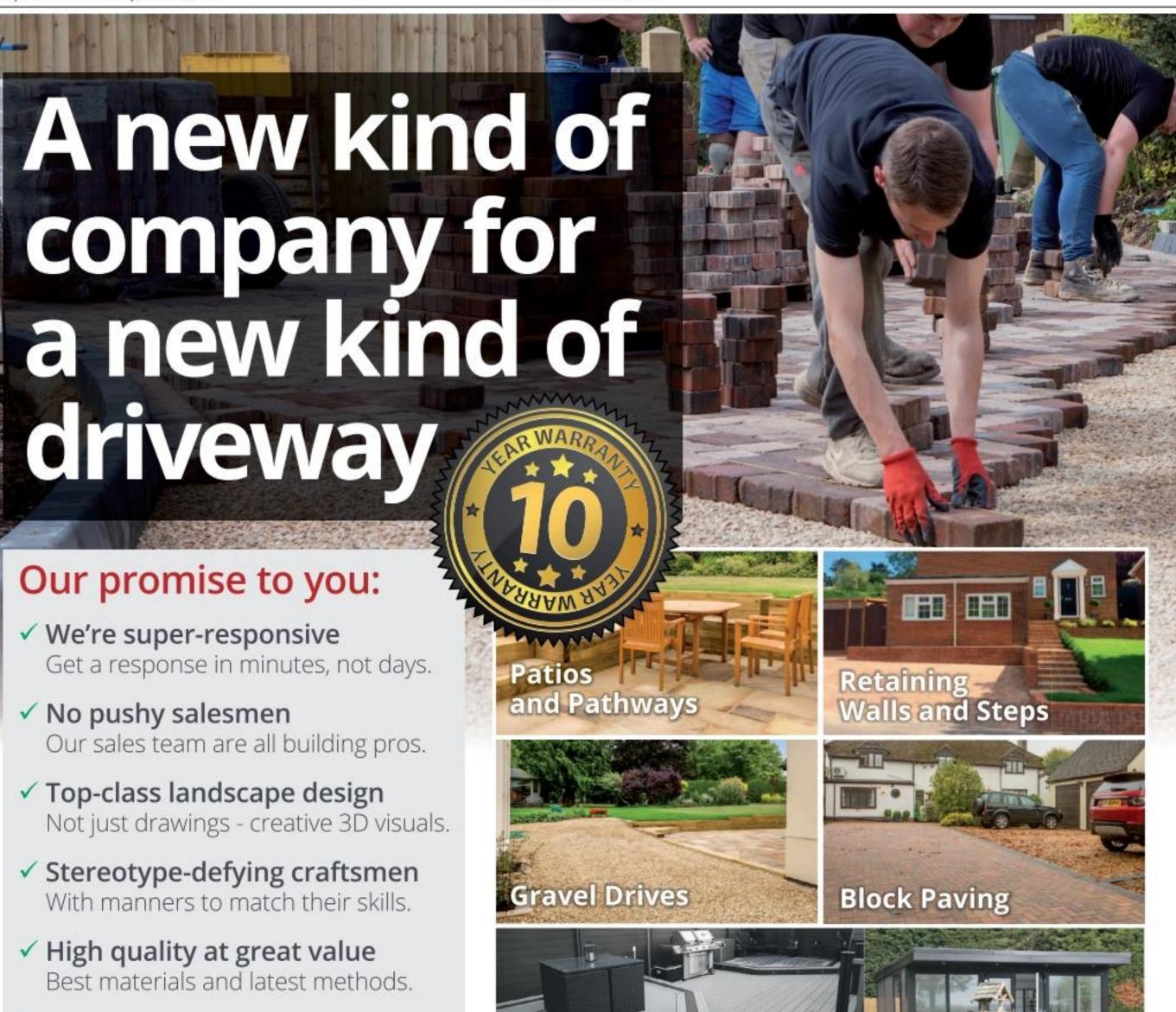


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Countryfile, 6.15pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) 7.35 Match of the Day (S)(R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show (S) 10.00 Sunday Morning Live (S) 11.00 Sunday Politics (S) 12.15 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Money for Nothing (S)(R) 2.00 Escape to the Country (S) (R) 3.00 Points of View (S) 3.15 Songs of Praise (S) 3.50 How to Stay Young of Praise (S) 3,50 How to Stay Young (S)(R) 4,50 Invictus Games 2017 (S) 5,50 BBC News (S) 6,05 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 6,15 Countryfile (S)

7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results The two least successful couples face elimination via this year's first dance-off. (S)

Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents the show from Minehead Railway Station. (S)

The Last Post New series. Drama about military police in a British colony. (S)

10,00 BBC News (S) 10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather

10.30 Match of the Day 2 Including highlights of Newcastle United v Liverpool. (S)

11.35 The Women's Football Show A look at the biggest issues in the women's game. (S)

12.10 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 12,15 BBC News (S)

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Astronauts: Do You Have What t Takes?,



6.00 Great British Garden Revival Rhododendrons and carnations. (S)(R) 7.00 Gardeners' World (S)(R) 8.00 The Beechgrove Garden (S) 8,30 Countryfile (S)(R) 9,30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites – Sunday Edition (S) 11.00 Athletics: Great Scottish Run (S) 1.45 NFL Live (S) 6.00 Rugby League Super League Playoff Highlights Tanya Arnold presents highlights of the crucial clash. (S)

Russia with Simon Reeve The adventurer travels across the world's biggest country. (S)(R)

8.00 Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes? The finalists go to the shuttle landing facility on Florida's Space Coast, Last in the series. (S)

Dragons' Den Business ideas 9.00 based on fashion, coffee and boxing. (S)

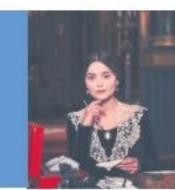
10,00 Dawn French Live: 30 Million Minutes The comedienne's critically acclaimed one-woman show. (S)

11.55 FLM Isn't She Great (2000) (15) Biopic of novelist Jacqueline Susann. Starring Bette Midler, John Cleese and David Hyde Pierce. (S)

1.25 Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) 2.25 Holby City (S)(R) 3.25 This Is BBC Two (S)

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6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled! (S) 9.25 ITV News (S) 9.30 Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury (S)(R) 10.00 Peston on Sunday (S) 10.55 Amazing Animal Births (S)(R) 11.25 Robson Green's Coastal Lives (S)(R) 11.55 Bigheads (S) (R) 12.55 ITV News (S) 1.00 ITV Racing Live: Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (S) 3.30 The X Factor: Bootcamp (S)(R) 5.00 Victoria (S)(R) 6.00 ITV Regional News (S) 6.10 ITV News (S) 6.30 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars (S)

7.30 The X Factor: Bootcamp Dermot O'Leary presents the Bootcamp stage. (S)

9.00 Victoria The queen is faced with a famine sweeping Ireland. (S)

10,05 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.20 Peston on Sunday Political magazine. (S)(R)

11.20 Liar Laura's worst fears come to pass and her hidden past is exposed. (S)(R)

12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

The Three Musketeers. 11pm



6.05 The King of Queens (S)(R) 6.30 Motor Sport: British GT (S) 7.00 Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Live Build-Up (S) 7.35 Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Live (S) 10.00 Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Live Reaction (S) 10,45 Sunday Brunch (S) 1.30 Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Re-run (S) 4,15 The Crystal Maze (S) (R) 5.15 The Great British Bake Off (S)(R) 6,30 Channel 4 News (S)

7.00 Escape to the Chateau Dick gets to work on the walled garden. (S)

8.00 Escape New series. Engineers are challenged to build a vehicle from wreckage in the desert. (S)

9.00 Electric Dreams: The Commuter A railway station employee meets a passenger travelling to a town that does not exist. (S)

Documentary following the Conservative MP's time as foreign secretary. (S)

10.05 Boris Johnson: Blond Ambition

11.00 FILM The Three Musketeers (2011) (12) Swashbuckling adventure, with Logan Lerman and Mila Jovovich. (S)

1.10 WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails (S)(R) 2.05 Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson (S) (R) 3,00 Location, Location, Location (S)(R) 4.00 Gillette World Sport (S) 4.25 KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) 4.55 Too Many Cooks (S)(R)

Channel 5

Aviva Premiership Highlights,



6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) 10.30 Football on 5: The Championship (S)(R) 11.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush (S)(R) 12.00 Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud (S)(R) 12.30 FILM Bewitched (2005) (PG)
(S) 2.30 FILM Leap Year (2010) (PG)
(S) 4.20 FILM Serendipity (2001)
(PG) (S) 5.20 5 News Update (S) 5.25 FILM Serendipity (2001) (PG) (S) 6.05 FILM Jack the Giant Slayer (2013) (12) (S)

7.05 5 News Update (S)
7.10 FILM Jack the Giant Slayer
(2013) (12) Premiere.
Concluded. (S)

Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights Highlights from the fifth round of matches. (S)

8,55 5 News Weekend (S)

FILM The Expendables 3 (2014) (12) Action thriller sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone and Mel Gibson. (S)

10,00 5 News Update (S) 10.05 FILM The Expendables 3 (2014) (12) Concluded. (S)

11.25 FILM Under Siege (1992) (15) Action adventure, starring Steven Seagal and Tommy Lee Jones. (S)

1.20 SuperCasino (S) 3.10 FILM Against All Flags (1952) (PG) (S) 4.35 Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R) 4,50 Divine Designs (S)(R) 5.20 Wildlife SOS (S)(R) 5.45 Chinese Food in Minutes (S)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 6.15 You've Been Framed! Gold: A-Z 7.05 Coronation Street 10.00 2Awesome: Guidance 10.30 2Awesome: LA Story 10.40 2Awesome: Cheerleaders: Steel Rays 11.05 2Awesome: Ready, Set, Style 11.15 2Awesome: Third Wheel 11.45 The X Factor: Bootcamp 1.15 You've Been Framed! Family Special 1.55 FILM: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) (PG) Family comedy prequel, starring Mark Addy. 2.55 FYI Daily 3.00 FILM: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) (PG) Concluded. 3.45 FILM: Happy Feet (2006) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Elijah Wood, 4.45 FYI Daily 4.50 FILM: Happy Feet (2006) (U) Concluded. 5.55 FILM: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) (12) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Martin Freeman. 6.55 FYI Daily 7.00 FILM: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) (12) Concluded, 9.00 Chris & Kem: Straight Outta Love Island 10.05 Family Guy 11.30 American Dad! 1.00 The Cleveland Show 1.30 Chris & Kem: Straight Outta Love Island 2.30 Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 7.45 Heartbeat 9.50 Murder, She Wrote 1.05 FILM: The Belles of St Trinian's (1954) (U) 2.05 FYI Daily 2.10 FILM: The Belles of St Trinian's (1954) (U) Concluded. 2.55 FILM: Columbo: Dagger of the Mind (1972) (PG) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Honor Blackman. 5.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 7.00 Midsomer Murders 9.00 Sunday Night at the Palladium 10.00 If I Had You 12.00 Heartbeat 1.05 The Knock 3.00 Mr Selfridge 3.50 Lewis 5.30 Judge Judy 5.50 ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Robins of Eden 7.10 Betjeman and Me 8.00 Cornwall's Native Poet: Charles Causley 9.00 Men Who Sleep In Cars 10.00 Child in Mind 11.00 Rhymes, Rock and Revolution - The Story of Performance Poetry 12.00 Acoustic at the BBC 1.00 Bombay Railway 2.00 Treasures of Ancient Greece 3.00 Darcey's Ballerina Heroines 4.00 Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Kevin Can Wait 6.25 Couples Come Dine with Me 8.25 Hollyoaks 11.00 Don't Tell the Bride 12.00 My Hotter Half 1.00 The Goldbergs 3.00 FILM: Never Been Kissed (1999) (12) Romantic comedy, with Drew

Theory 9.00 FILM: The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (2010) (12) Romantic fantasy sequel, with Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson. 11.25 Gogglebox 1.35 Celebs Go Dating 2.35 Celebs Go Dating: The Finale 3.30

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Location, Location, Location 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun 11.45 Food Unwrapped 12.00 Come Dine with Me 2.40 Four in a Bed 5.20 Come Dine with Me 7.55 The Secret Life of the Zoo 9.00 Car SOS 10.00 24 Hours in A&E 11.05 999: What's Your Emergency? 12.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 2.00 Car SOS 3.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut 4.00 Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Black Knight (1954) (U) Swashbuckling adventure, with Alan Ladd. 1.00 The Boxtrolls (2014) (PG) Stop-motion animated fantasy, with the voice of Isaac Hempstead Wright, 2.50 Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011) (PG) Family adventure, starring Jessica Alba. 4.45 Von Ryan's Express (1965) (PG) Second World War action adventure, starring Frank Sinatra. 7.05 Crocodile Dundee (1986) (15) Comedy, starring Paul Hogan. 9.00 Identity Thief (2013) (15) Comedy, with Jason Bateman and Melissa McCarthy. 11.10 Your Highness (2011) (15) Fantasy comedy, starring Danny McBride. 1.15 Carlos - Part One 3.25

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping 7.10 Sin City Motors 9.00 Traffic Cops 11.00 Top Gear 2.00 Red Dwarf 4.00 Top Gear from A-Z 6.40 Motorway Cops 8.00 Cops UK: Bodycam Squad 9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 10.00 Taskmaster 11.00 Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit 12.00 Live at the Apollo 1.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 2.00 Would I Lie to You? 2.35 Room 101 3.10 Parks and Recreation 4.00 Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 The Mrs Bradley Mysteries 8.00 The Bill 12.00 Sense and Sensibility 4.00 Catherine Cookson's The Dwelling Place 7.00 Murdoch Mysteries 8.00 Father Brown 9.00 Silent Witness 11.15 Taggart 2.05 Mansfield Park 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power 7.00 Futurama 10.00 WWE Raw

| Barrymore and Michael Vartan. 5.05 The Big Bang | Hlts 11.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 4.00 Modern Family 6.30 The Simpsons 8.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo 9.00 The Last Ship 10.00 The Force: North East 11.00 The Russell Howard Hour 12.00 Zoo 1.00 Most Shocking 3.00 The Blacklist 4.00 Stargate Atlantis

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets 8.00 The British 10.00 Urban Secrets 11.00 House 1.50 The Putin Interviews 3.00 San Francisco 2.0 4.00 Blue Bloods 9.00 Tin Star 10.00 Real Time with Bill Maher 11.10 Dice 11.45 Room 104 12.20 Ballers 1.00 Rock and a Hard Place 2.45 The Wire 4.00 The Guest Wing

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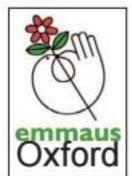
6.15 Judge Faith 7.00 MasterChef Australia 12.30 Jamie's 30 Minute Meals 1.40 Doctor Who 4.40 My Family 5.20 My Family Christmas Special 6.00 Outnumbered 8.00 The Secret Life of the Ballroom 9.00 John Bishop: In Conversation with Jimmy Carr, The comedian discusses his career, 10.00 The Davina Hour, The presenter discusses parenting issues, 11.00 Inside the Ambulance 12.00 Motorway Cops: A Traffic Cops Special 12.55 Beverly Hills Pawn 2.10 MasterChef Australia 3.00 Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.10 Goodnight Sweetheart 8.20 Lucky Feller 9.00 The Piglet Files 9.30 A Sharp Intake of Breath 10.00 Butterflies 10.40 Only Fools and Horses 1.40 David Jason: My Life on Screen 2.40 Only Fools and Horses 3.50 The Story of Only Fools and Horses 4.50 Only Fools and Horses 12.30 Goodnight Sweetheart 1.45 Lucky Feller 2.15 Big School 3.25 Harry Hill's TV Burp 4.00 Home Shopping

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6.00 Through the Night 7.00 Live Formula 1. 7.30 Live Formula 1. The Malaysian Grand Prix (Start-time 8.00am). 10.30 Live European Tour Golf. The British Masters. 12.00 Live EFL. Sheffield Wednesday v Leeds United (kick-off 12.15pm). 2.15 Live Nissan Super Sunday. Everton v Burnley (kick-off 2.15pm). 4.15 Live Nissan Super Sunday. Newcastle United v Liverpool (kick-off 4.30pm). 7.00 Live World Grand Prix Darts. The opening day at the Citywest Hotel, Dublin. 12.00 Live NFL. 1.00 Live NFL. 4.30 Live ATP Tennis. 5.30 Live ATP



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Hyundai IONIQ Hybrid Premium SE 1.6 GDi

'I'm not quite converted to hybrids - yet'

By Tony Yates

FOR this week's review - I have the Hyundai IONIQ Hybrid Premium, which I have to admit I wasn't looking forward to because I am basically a petrol head. Of course, what I actually mean is; if a vehicle is not powered by petrol or diesel, then it's not worth talking about.

Well happily the IONIQ is a Hybrid which means it has an engine and an electric motor to power it along. That means I'm able to drive it further than the end of my street and I won't have to recharge it because the engine inside the car will pretty much do most of the hard work for me.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not totally against electric vehicles - as I do truly believe there will be a place for them in the future - but I don't think we're fully ready for this now due to our lack of infrastructure around the availability of charging stations.

So, firstly then, let's get that part sorted out - then we can begin to have some meaningful conversations about this at some point in the future. But for

now, let's just get on with this week's review.

Power & efficiency

The IONIQ has an electric motor that works in combination with a petrol engine - when they are working together you gain additional acceleration, improved fuel economy and lower CO2 emissions. My test car was fitted with a specially calibrated 1.6 l GDI internal combustion engine that delivers 105 PS. The Hybrid system is also very smart which vastly improves the vehicle overall - giving you more power and a return of over 78mpg (combined) plus a top speed of around115mph.

On the road

Well, it's actually pretty good - but there are few areas where I feel the suspension is a little soft. But, then again a Bentley has a soft ride and that's a brilliant machine. The steering is also direct and the grip levels are good, which meant the IONIQ had



The Hyundai has lots to commend it not least the design and technology

increasing road network of massive potholes. Also, driving in and around town on battery power alone was as silent as a watch without a second hand.

Design & technology

The interior is fresh and all the

no problems dealing with our ever buttons and dials are clear. The front seats have plenty of adjustment and it only took me just a few seconds to get comfy. Try this with the seating system inside a BMW for instance, and it will literally take you hours if not days to find a suitable position. As for the boot space - well let's just say it's great. You can at a pinch fill it with a maximum load of 430 (litres, seats up) and 1,505

(litres seats down).

Inside you get all the glitter and glam which, to be honest, I would expect as it's pretty expensive to buy - but then again anything with a 'Hybrid' badge stuck to the back is the same.

Some of the additional equipment you get on the SE version includes: Automatic De-fog system for the front windscreen, Alloy Peddles, Auto wipers with rain sensor, Blind Spot Detection (BSD), Electric Drivers Seat which includes a memory function, Parking Sensors front & rear, Rear Cross Traffic Alert (RCTA), Heated rear seats, plus there's lots of standard equipment right from the off-which to be honest is more than enough.

To sum up

So, did I like it? Yes, but I'm not ready to convert to a Hybrid System quite yet. Don't get me wrong - I really do want to embrace the future - but until then I will stick to filling up my car the old way for now - with petrol.

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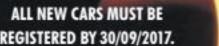
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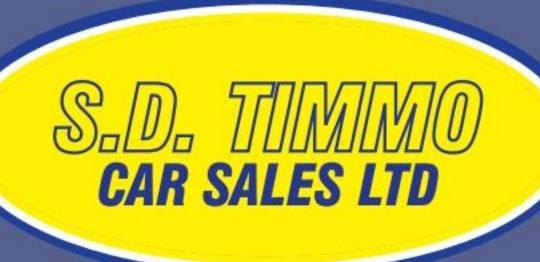
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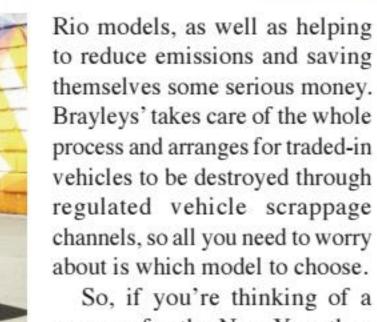
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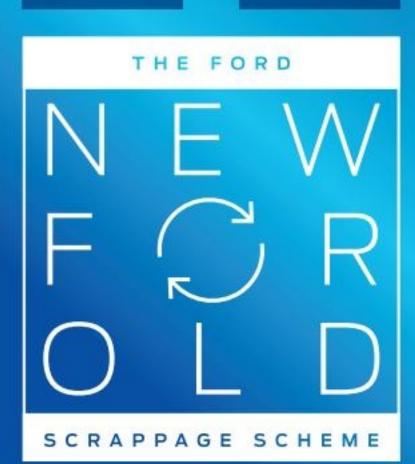
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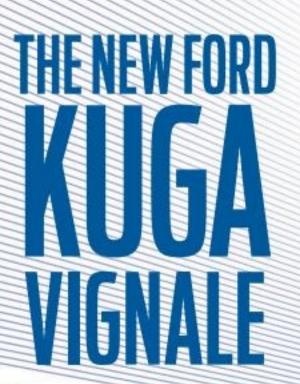
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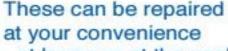


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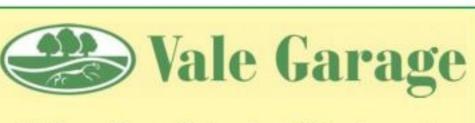
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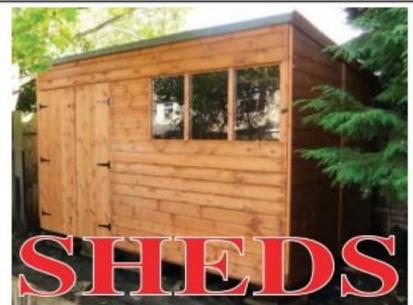
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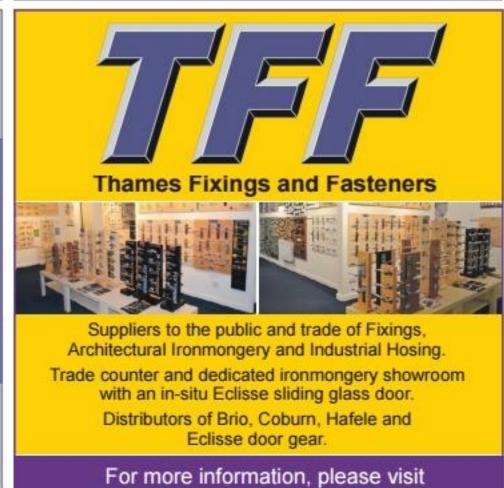
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F1 - Renault

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The Enstone-based team jumped up a place to seventh last time out in Singapore, thanks to Jolyon Palmer opening his account for the season with a sixth place finish.

They are 17 points behind fellow Oxfordshire outfit Williams, who currently occupy fifth in the standings, with six races of the season remaining.

And Renault are optimistic of eating into that lead this weekend, with the nature of the Sepang circuit expected to suit their car.

Nick Chester, Renault's chassis technical director, said: "We ought to go quite well in Malaysia with the mixture of low, medium and high speed corners, and we should be the fourth quickest car again.

"The car has good pace and it looked strong in the wet in Singapore. The wet running we had is useful information for us, given Malaysia is known to throw up a few surprises with its changeable climate.

"Overall the car is working reasonably well at this stage in the season."

This year's race in Sepang will be the 18th and final running of the Malaysian Grand Prix, and has been



a strong circuit for Renault over the vears.

Fernando Alonso and Giancarlo Fisichella both won the race for Renault in 2005 and 2006 respectively, while Palmer scored his first point in Formula One there last year.

Palmer said: "Last year I got my first Formula One point - there are plenty of overtaking opportunities on the track so I'll be looking to make the most of it and add some more points.

"It's a cool track with a good atmosphere to match." Nico Hulkenberg also scored his

Nico Hulkenberg also scored his first F1 point in Malaysia when driving for Williams in 2010, and has come away with points in all but one of his races there.

He said: "It's one of the hottest grand prix of the year and we are tested and pushed to the limits.

"The track is challenging with lots of high speed corners and fast combinations. Rhythm is important around Sepang and it's a nice feeling when it goes right."

Eddie climbs up rankings after another good finish

Golf



Frilford Heath golfer Eddie Pepperell has improved in recent weeks

EDDIE Pepperell is closing in on his first European Tour title after securing a third successive top-five finish having tied third at the Portugal Masters.

The Abingdon golfer has now struck nine successive rounds in the 60s and enjoyed a bogey-free final round at the Dom Pedro Victoria Golf Course on Sunday.

Pepperell exploded into life on the first day and holed six birdies while only dropping one shot.

A flawless second round and four further birdies put the 26-year-old right in the mix at the half way stage with a score of nine-under par.

The Frilford Heath golfer led the tournament briefly during the third round but trailed the Dane Lucas Bjerregaard by two shots after 54 holes

A bogeyless final round kept him in touching difference but birdies on the fifth, seventh and 15th holes weren't enough to close the gap.

However, Pepperell's win propelled him to 54th place in the PGA European Tour's Race to Dubai money list and won him a prize pot of €112,600.

The top 60 in the Race to Dubai at the end the season will play in a bigmoney end-of-season tournament in the Middle East.

Pepperell's improved form has also included a fifth placed finish at the Czech Masters and a third placed finish at the KLM Open, both earlier this month.

Teams have their sights firmly fixed on a better race

F1 - Haas/Williams

AFTER dropping behind Renault in the constructors' standings, Haas have set their sights on reclaiming seventh place over the rest of the season.

The Banbury-based team struggled in Singapore but did manage to score an unexpected two points through Romain Grosjean, and head to Malaysia this weekend confident of putting in a better performance.

Team principal Guenther Steiner said: "Singapore was one of the worst tracks for us but we got away with two points, so better than we expected to.

"Hopefully at the other tracks

we won't be this far behind in the midfield, and we'll work hard to achieve seventh.

"In the midfield, anything and everything can happen, it's up and down all the time, so we haven't given up."

Grove-based Williams also had a difficult weekend in Singapore, qualifying on the penultimate row of the grid.

Like Haas they took advantage of a chaotic race in front of them as Lance Stroll finished eighth to score four points for the team.

They currently occupy fifth in the table, but only have a narrow sevenpoint lead over Toro Rosso while Renault and Haas are still within striking distance as well.

Lack of pace pushes Smith out of the points in Spain

MotoGP

BRADLEY Smith didn't have the pace of his KTM team-mates as he finished outside the points in 19th place at Aragon on Sunday.

The Oxford-born rider struggled for much of the weekend at the Spanish circuit, although his pace did pick up in the race after qualifying on the back row.

He opted to go for the soft tyre which meant he was quicker in the opening stages, but fell away towards the end. Speaking after the race, Smith said: "I'm pleased with today to turn around things from practice. "Starting from the back row wasn't easy but with the soft tyre I could get myself into contention, the bad news is that it wasn't the best of tyre choices in the long run.

"It was a gamble but towards the end it wasn't to be as it's frustrating to miss out on a points scoring finish." However, Smith's team-mates Pol Espargaro and Mika Kallio were able to pick up a good haul of points for the team as they finished 10th and 11th respectively.

Smith is 23rd in the championship standings with 14 points. Just four races of the season remain, the next being the Japanese Grand Prix on October 15.

Stars defeated after sting in the tail

Ice Hockey

OXFORD City Stars were unable to build on their explosive double-match winning first weekend of the season with a trip to Bracknell Hornets – but something had to give as both teams started the weekend on maximum points.

First against second was always going to be a tight affair but the Hornets were the side to maintain their 100 per cent record with a 9-6 win on Saturday.

Despite the game starting disastrously when talisman forward

Darren Elliott was sent off within 75 seconds, the Stars took the lead within 10 minutes when Matt Lawday finished off a nice move.

The home side levelled when William Stead fired in a cross-shot from wide that deflected and wrongfooted Mark Duffy in the Stars goal.

Jake Florey gave Oxford the lead again before Sean Scarbrough tapped into an empty net to make it 2-2 at the first buzzer.

The Hornets were in the ascendancy in the second period with goals from Scarbrough and Steven Fisher twice giving the hosts the lead.

But they were pinned back by Kamil

Kinkor and Jason Ikin goals and the teams went into the final period tied at 4-4.

Oxford lost their way in the final 20 minutes and three Bracknell goals in three minutes put the Berkshire side in charge.

Ben Ealey-Newman, Jack Tarczychi and Scarbrough, for his hat-trick, all found the back of the net between 47 and 49 minutes to land a decisive – and very sudden – blow.

Oxford's Oliver and Lawday both scored late on but they proved mere consolation after Harvey Hind-Pitcher netted another to round off the 9-6 win.



Kamil Kinkor scored to help the Stars draw level going into the final period Picture: Kevin Slyfield

A game of missed chances

By George Welch

Oxford City

BOSS Mark Jones was left cursing Oxford City's luck after his side fell to a 2-0 defeat at Eastbourne Borough on Saturday.

The Hoops haven't won in the league in nine games – a run that stretches back to mid-August – but this was a frustrating game of missed chances for Jones' men.

Rob Sinclair struck the bar early on, Matt Paterson missed a couple of one on ones and Zak McEachran had an effort cleared off the line.

But for all their pressure, City failed to find the back of the net and endured another disappointing afternoon.

Unlike Oxford, Eastbourne had their shooting boots on and a goal in each half from Yemi Odubade (16 minutes) and Sergio Torres (49) maintained Borough's fine earlyseason form.



But City – who are just one place above the relegation zone after a dozen games – are already looking over their shoulders.

Yet Jones was not too downhearted after his side's seventh defeat of the season already.

He said: "I don't think we deserve that [defeat] to be honest. There were lots of encouraging parts of the performance and I think the story of the game is that they've taken their chances and we haven't taken ours.

"I think we actually had more chances than them which is really frustrating. I'm not going to criticise the players for that performance because we were unlucky."

He added: "There were a lot of pluses...but we were unfortunate."

City overcame fellow National League South side Whitehawk in the FA Cup earlier this month and will be relying on the magic of the cup again to get back to winning ways and, with a bit of luck, get their season up and running.

The Hoops host Leiston, who play in the tier below, in the FA Cup third qualifying round on Saturday.

Jones said the match against the Isthmian League Premier Division side would be "a tricky tie" but that he was looking forward to two home

Oxford (19th) return to league action on October 7 when they welcome Poole Town (20th) to Court Place Farm.

Vanarama National League South

Saturday 23 September Eastbourne Borough 2-0 Oxford City

Evo-Stik South Premier

Saturday 23 September Kings Langley 3-4 Banbury United

Tuesday 26 September Kettering 3-0 Banbury United

Evo-Stik South East

Saturday 23 September Hanwell Town 0-2 **Thame United** Tuesday 26 September **Thame United** 1-2 Beaconsfield Town

Evo-Stik South West

Saturday 23 September Cinderford Town 0-2 **Kidlington North Leigh** 1-2 Shortwood

United Swindon Supermarine 1-0 **Didcot**

Town

Tuesday 26 September
AFC Totton 2-1 North Leigh
Didcot Town 2-4 Winchester City
Wednesday 27 September
Kidlington v Slimbridge

Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division

Monday 25 September
Binfield 1-1 Wantage Town
Tuesday 26 September
Abingdon United 1-8 Thatcham
Town

Buildbase FA Vase second qualifying round

Saturday 23 September Abingdon United 0-2 Welwyn Garden City

Edgware Town 4-0 Henley Town Oxford City Nomads 1-5 Baldock Town

Wallingford Town 1-2aet Oxhey Jets

Wantage Town 2-0 Lydney Town

Lacklustre loss after seven-goal thriller for Puritans

Banbury United

BANBURY United put in an impressive second half performance to come from behind and beat Kings Langley 4-3 in a seven-goal thriller on Saturday.

But the Puritans were only temporarily back to winning ways as they were blown away 3-0 by league leaders Kettering on Tuesday.

Saturday's humdinger - which

included six goals in 15 crazy second half minutes – will be remembered for a long time by those who made the trip to Hertfordshire.

Mitchell Weiss put Kings Langley ahead on 12 minutes – and that's the way it stayed until the floodgates opened in the second half.

Conor McDonagh (55 minutes) equalised with a low drive from 15 yards and, three minutes later, Luke Carnell (58 minutes) headed United into the lead. But 120 seconds later and Kings' Jorrell Johnson (60) made it 2-2 with a rebounded effort.

Fast-forward another two minutes and Jefferson Louis (62) restored United's lead before Jack Self (65) gave the visiting Puritans a muchneeded two-goal cushion.

Dean Hitchcox (70) reduced the arrears from the spot but Banbury held on for what will surely prove to be one of the most entertaining games of the season. However, the joy of victory turned to the disappointment of defeat after a 3-0 loss at Kettering three days later.

Banbury were second best throughout against an impressive Kettering side that strolled to victory thanks to a first half strike from Brett Solkhon and second half goals from Ben Milnes and Rene Howe (penalty).

United welcome Shildon to the Banbury Plant Community Stadium on Saturday for the FA Cup third qualifying round.

Wantage flying flag for county

Evo-Stik round up

KIDLINGTON picked up just their second win of the season as they beat Cinderford Town 2-0 away on Saturday.

Anaclet Odhiambo scored both goals, which moves Kiddy into 16th in the Evo-Stik South West table.

They were due to kick off against Slimbridge at home last night as we went to press.

However it was a disappointing week for Didcot Town and North Leigh, as both sides followed up defeats on Saturday by losing on Tuesday night as well. North Leigh went down 2-1 at home to Shortwood United after George Seacole had given them an early lead, before losing by the same scoreline away at AFC Totton.

Match report: teams must do better this weekend

Didcot meanwhile had been beaten 1-0 by Swindon Supermarine on Saturday, before a dismal first half at home to Winchester City saw them four goals behind at half-time.

They did recover somewhat in the second half as George Reid scored twice in a five-minute spell, but the damage was done and they lost 4-2.

North Leigh and Didcot are 10th and 12th in the standings respectively.

In Evo-Stik South West, Thame United sit 15th after picking up three points on Saturday.

They won 2-0 against bottom side Hanwell Town, with goals coming from Daniel West and Lynton Goss.

But that was followed up with a 2-1 defeat against Beaconsfield Town on Tuesday, after Ellis Hercules had pulled them level shortly after the hour mark.

All four sides are in league action again on Saturday as Thame are at home to Bedford Town, Didcot host Yate Town, North Leigh travel to Taunton town and Kidlington welcome Bideford.

FA Vase/Hellenic

WANTAGE Town will be the only Oxfordshire team flying the county flag in the first round proper of the Buildbase FA Vase next month.

The Freds swept aside Lydney Town 2-0 on Saturday to progress from the second (and final) qualifying round and set up another home tie against south Gloucestershire side Cadbury Heath as the tournament gets going for real on October 21.

However, there was disappointment for fellow Hellenic Premier League sides Abingdon United and Oxford City Nomads as well as Division One teams Henley Town and Wallingford Town, who all crashed out of the competition.

Abingdon lost 2-0 at home to Welwyn Garden City while the Nomads, despite taking the lead, were hammered 5-1 on their own patch by Baldock Town.

Elsewhere, Henley lost 4-0 at Edgware Town and Wallingford were beaten 2-1 in extra time by Oxhey Jets.

Back in the Hellenic Premier and Wantage returned to league action with a 1-1 draw at Binfield on Monday night.

Abingdon are now winless in five league games after an 8-1 hammering at home to Thatcham Town on Tuesday night.

Young players get top tips from Olympian

Basketball

YOUNG basketball players of tomorrow had to put a little extra effort into their training session as they were put through their paces by British basketball legend Drew Sullivan.

The 6ft 8in tall Olympian taught South Oxfordshire Heat Basketball Club members a basketballing lesson or two at an extra special session at Didcot Girls School on Saturday.

Sullivan, a former Great Britain captain and British Basketball League (BBL) icon, retired this year after two years at Leicester Riders, who he helped to two BBL titles, a BBL Trophy, a BBL Cup and a playoff triumph.

Now, he wants to use his experience to help the grassroots development of boys and girls in the UK.

He sat and chatted with the Under-10s before taking the older players through an intensive 90-minute training session.

Heat coach Shiv Mahalingham played against Sullivan in the early 1990s and arranged the session to help motivate the young children who train every week at the club.

Club trustee Des Dawkins, whose

daughters play at the club, praised the initiative. He said: "Drew has helped inspire our players by leading a coaching session.

"He has reached the highest level of British basketball with hard work and commitment and this demonstrates to our players what they could achieve in all aspects of their life. We have never seen them so captivated or energised."

Sullivan added: "Having the opportunity to try and inspire young players is something that means a lot to me. I've benefited from many different people investing their time in me and I feel it is only right that I do the same."



We need to get basics right, says Pep after home defeat

By George Welch

Oxford United 1

Ryan Ledson 78

Walsall 2

Erhun Oztumer 32, Tyler Roberts 53 Attendance: 6,895 (402 away)

AN impressive home record against Walsall must have had Oxford United fans licking their lips ahead of welcoming the travel-sick side to the Kassam Stadium on Saturday.

But Oxford, for only the third time in 16 visits, was a happy hunting ground for the visiting Saddlers, who ended United's unbeaten home record with a 2-1 win.

A goal in each half from Erhun Oztumer and former United striker Tyler Roberts earned maximum points for a dominant Walsall, who also enjoyed their first win on the road since Boxing Day.

A Ryan Ledson penalty gave United hope heading into the final 10 minutes but the away side took advantage of a poor U's performance to collect a fully deserved three points.

United boss Pep Clotet said his team must work harder to escape the attention of opposition markers, who, the Spaniard said, have started to figure out how his side plays.

He said: "We didn't click. It's Walsall's first away victory since Boxing Day and that doesn't say much good about what we produced on the pitch.



Ryan Ledson converts his penalty to get one back but the result ultimately gave Walsall their first away win since Boxing Day. Picture: Steve Daniels

"We had chances but I don't think we did the basics right to take something out of the game. We have to address it straight away."

Jon Whitney's men targeted Oxford's wide areas and it was a deflected Joe Edwards cross that provided the game's first goal on 32 minutes.

The ricocheted cross looped over Simon Eastwood for Oztumer to add the final touch and give the West Midlands side the lead.

The attacking midfielder should

have had more but he skewed wide when left unmarked from another cross before firing straight at Eastwood when one on one.

Eastwood was by far the busier keeper and had to be alert to keep out a low drive from Roberts.

But the Walsall striker scored what proved to be the winner against his former employers early in the second half with a tidy finish from just inside the area.

United burst into life with 20

minutes remaining when a sweet James Henry volley was expertly saved by Mark Gillespie and Gino

Ledson gave the U's hope on 78 minutes with a coolly struck penalty but there would be no late equaliser as Walsall held firm for their first win on the road in 17 attempts

van Kessel struck the post.

Victory kicks off good start to the season

OUFC Women

OXFORD United Women made the perfect start to their WSL2 campaign with a 1-0 home win against Sheffield Ladies on Sunday.

A Sheffield own goal on 60 minutes proved the match winner as the U's began the season with three points and a clean sheet at Court Place Farm.

United played well but had to call on the services of goalkeeper Demi Lambourne on multiple occasions.

The stopper kept out Holly Housley and Emma Johnson on three occasions in an exciting first half.

Oxford also threatened and Kayleigh Hines flicked wide early on before Emily Allen and Ellis Hillman were denied by Sheffield custodian Danielle Gibbons.

The winner arrived dead on the hour mark when the unfortunate Ellie Gilliatt headed a terrific Danielle Carlton cross into her own net.

Lambourne had to be alert to nullify Johnson for the fourth time in the afternoon on 63 minutes when she raced off her line to clear.

Taome Oliver could have doubled Oxford's advantage when she got an effort away from inside the area while under pressure but Gibbons was equal to her 81st minute strike.

But United held on to secure their first win of the season.

They are next in action on Sunday when they visit Watford Ladies.

Striker buoyed by scoring against old team

FORMER Oxford United loanee Tyler Roberts has admitted that his stint at the Kassam Stadium helped him find his feet in league football.

The striker, now in his third loan spell, scored what proved to be the winner for Walsall against his former team-mates in a 2-1 win at Grenoble Road on Saturday.

The Welsh youth international failed to find the back of the net in the league while on loan at Oxford in the first half of last season.

Previous boss Michael Appleton brought the 18-year-old to the club but Roberts ended the second half of the campaign at struggling Shrewsbury, where he scored four goals in 13 games to help keep them in League One.

And after scoring his second goal in three starts for the Saddlers at the weekend, Roberts feels he can finally strut his stuff.

He said: "I think [I have found my feet and felt part of a team] quicker with every loan I've had.

"It took me a while to settle in here due to the fact it was my first loan, but it got quicker at Shrewsbury and I've come here and I've settled in really well.

"It's great to come here against my former club to score and get the win." Roberts scored two goals in his time



Tyler Roberts scores United's fourth goal in a 5-0 FA Cup win at Merstham Picture: Steve Daniels.

with the U's – against Exeter in the first Checkatrade Trophy match of the season and against Merstham in the FA Cup.

He added: "I've come in [to Walsall] and settled in quite quick, we have a good team spirit and it's good to get a goal. It was definitely a good experience coming back here.

"It was a bit weird being on the other side of course because I haven't been back but it's been good.

"For a striker to get more goals is always going to give me confidence so I'm just happy to be scoring."

Roberts found the back of the net again in a 2-2 draw with Charlton on Tuesday.

SkyB	et League 1	GP	GD	PTS
1	Shrewsbury Town	10	8	26
2	Wigan Athletic	10	12	22
3	Peterborough United	10	8	20
4	Bradford City	10	4	20
5	Scunthorpe United	10	8	19
6	Blackpool	10	4	18
7	Charlton Athletic	10	2	17
8	Blackburn	9	6	16
9	Fleetwood Town	9	2	16
10	Rotherham	10	7	15
11	Portsmouth	10	2	14
12	MK Dons	10	-2	14
13	Walsall	10	-3	13
14	Southend United	10	-3	13
15	Oxford United	10	1	12
16	Bristol Rovers	10	-7	12
17	Rochdale	10	-3	10
18	Doncaster Rovers	10	-1	9
19	Bury	10	-3	9
20	AFC Wimbledon	10	-6	8
21	Northampton Town	10	-7	8
22	Gillingham	10	-8	7
23	Oldham Athletic	10	-10	7
24	Plymouth Argyle	10	-11	5

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Gunning for better after third defeat puts U's in the firing line

By George Welch

Bury 3

Chris Maguire 64 (p), Michael Smith 70, Jermaine Beckford 72

Oxford United 0

Attendance: 2,951 (287 away)

OXFORD United boss Pep Clotet has called for calm heads after the U's hit the self-destruct button in a 3-0 loss at Bury on Tuesday.

United shook things up from Saturday's defeat to Walsall (see inside) by making three changes and going more direct – but after competing for an hour they capitulated in eight second half minutes.

Chris Maguire, Oxford's top scorer last year, netted against his former club from the penalty spot on 64 minutes before Michael Smith (70 minutes) and Jermaine Beckford (72) condemned the U's to a third consecutive defeat.

But Clotet, clearly unhappy with another defeat, believed it was the type of game in which whoever scored the first goal would claim the win.

He said: "It was a very even game, we competed very well, started the second half very strongly and we were closer to scoring the first goal than they were.

"But obviously the penalty changed the game because it was one of those games that the first one to score can win comfortably – and that's happened."

Oxford slipped five places since last week to 15th in the League One table – but Clotet has urged fans not to panic.



OXFORD United players enjoyed a very different type of shooting practice last week as they visited an army training camp for a team bonding trip – but they lacked the firepower against Walsall and Bury this week.

The United squad got away from it all at a three-day training camp at Gibraltar Barracks in Surrey.

The U's combined their usual training schedule with some team bonding exercises, including a chance to test their sharpshooting skills on the shooting range.

Pep Clotet, the Oxford boss, said: "With a number of new faces in the squad, we went away to Gibraltar Barracks for a few days of team building.

"It had been planned long before the Blackpool game [a 3-1 defeat] but in the end the timing was very good.

"It wasn't all about assault course and fitness. Instead it was more about getting the group together away from distractions, talking about core values and further developing the bonds that will stay strong for the rest of the season."

Ricardhino on the rifle range and Ryan Ledson joined in the team building exercises at Gibraltar Barracks. Picture: OUFC

He said: "This is a process. There are many new faces as there weren't many players when I arrived.

"We made a lot of efforts to put a team together. This is a process that in the long run won't matter if we lose three games in a row – the important thing is that we are able to learn from this and get back. "I suffer especially for the fans who came up here [to Bury]. We would just like them to keep believing and working with us.

"There will be history if we put it right."

United did create chances but failed to get the first goal that Clotet craved. Bury keeper Leo Fasan, making his first league start for the Shakers, denied Rob Hall, Gino van Kessel and Alex Mowatt in the first half and van Kessel and Hall fired wide after half-time.

Noticing an improvement from a blunt performance against Walsall, Clotet added: "The team showed that we can go forward and create the chances. We struggled to attack in the last game but today [Tuesday] there was creativity in the team and we did it right.

"But at the same time I'm not happy with the result."

United travel to high-flyers Peterborough United on Saturday.

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